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President's Message

Happy New Year!

All good wishes for a happy and successful year in finding still more on your family heritage. As we get deeper into research on an individual family, we soon realize that there is more to all of this than just names, dates and places.

The fabric of our lives is woven from threads that go back into the darkest corners of history. Each of us has genes that existed in stone-age populations and before. Realistically, we can't expect to find much on an uncle who drew pictures of mammoths on the walls of a cave in Europe 20,000 years ago. Yet we know there probably was such an individual in many of our lines. New research on the human genome (the map of the genes that make up humans) will bring new insight into genealogical research in the near future. Enough is already known about human DNA (the molecule which makes up genes—the units of heredity) that it will soon be possible to find relationships through DNA matching and not just by guessing at connections found in dusty library files. This will be an exciting experience, expensive at first, which probably will develop into a standard genealogical research technique.

We don't plan to start printing genetic maps in Trees; however, we will continue to bring you a blend of information ranging from lost newspaper reports to thoughtful analyses of family connections. We will continue with the military rosters, as they become available, and occasional reminiscences of life in an earlier Wilson. Try your hand at putting something together for us. We'll print it if suitable and when space is available. We try to avoid duplicating information which can be found on the internet.

We are looking forward to a good year.

Sue Powell

January 22nd Meeting

The new genealogy / local history area will soon be under construction. Wilson voters approved a $5.3 million bond issue in November to expand our library to nearly double its present size. One major (to us) feature of the expansion will be a much larger area for genealogy and local history.

Patrick Valentine, Library Director, and Deborah Webb, Reference Librarian, will be with us at this meeting to explain details of the renovation. Please feel free to share ideas with them. This is THE TIME to speak your piece. Don't wait until construction is completed and then complain. The Library Trustees have asked Patrick to work closely with a WCGS committee to plan the facilities in a way that will produce the greatest benefit to family researchers.

2002 WCGS Family Heritage Calendar

These calendars will be distributed free to new members and those who renew by January 31. After that time, any calendars remaining will be sold at $10 each to interested purchasers. Add $1.65 each for tax and shipping.

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Wilson County Founding Families—Progress Report

The Founding Families committee completed the list of qualifying families after meeting many times during the year 2000. This list was put on our web site, and readers of the site were invited to submit histories of these families to be included in the publication slated for release in 2005.

We are pleased to report that we received numerous histories during the year 2001. The response was encouraging, and we urge our readers with internet access to visit www.wcgs.org and review the list to see if they can add more histories. We still have a long way to go, and the committee agreed long ago that some families would be nearly impossible to document.

Work has begun again at the committee level to incorporate the new materials into the body of the book. The book is being created as the committee works so that it will be complete and ready for printing by the time that the last entry is made. We have new volunteers for the committee who are helping with the data input, and it all looks quite promising for a timely release.

The most difficult group of names to document are the African-American families who became recognized members of the local population in 1865. There is little information available for many of the families, and often their history begins with the registration of slave marriages in 1866. This is a special plea for assistance with documentation for this special group.

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Family Connections
Wilson Daily Times November 20, 2001

Puritans, Pilgrims & Thanksgiving

Plymouth, Massachusetts, November 1621

Governor William Bradford proclaimed that a day of fasting and prayer would be held in gratitude for the success of the first year of the Puritan colony in New England. According to legend, this was changed in 1623 to a day of thanksgiving when the puritans and the local Indians feasted together in harmony, dining on clams, oysters, lobsters, venison, produce from the cottage gardens, and Indian maize (corn).

The English settlers brought with them memories of traditional harvest festivals throughout Britain, probably dating back to the days of the ancient Celts. Therefore, it was a matter of normal practice to celebrate the end of the growing season with entertainment and feasting. This old tradition lives on in America with our county and state Fairs featuring livestock and produce, the carnival midway and the food stalls.

Thanksgiving became a tradition in New England in the years that followed and was copied in many other states as well. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln began the tradition of naming an annual national Thanksgiving Day. Now it is always the fourth Thursday in November.

There is one big flaw in this story. The Massachusetts puritans were not the first of their faith to come to America. Many are familiar with stories of the persecution of the puritans in England from many years before. The movement actually began when Martin Luther nailed his protests to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg. Germany in 1517. These protests were the foundation of the protestant movement, of which the puritans were the most fundamental.

Some English puritans fled to Holland in the early 1600s to avoid punishment for refusing to follow the official religion of England. They had started a new church, which they called the "ancient church" in 1592. Once in Holland, the puritans decided to settle in America where they could practice their faith as they pleased. While still in Holland, these puritans founded the branch of the Ancient Church now known as our Baptist Church.

Puritans, Christopher Lawne, a button maker from Norfolk, England, and William Bradford returned to England and began recruiting passengers for their first colonies. Lawne departed for Virginia in 1618, arriving in Virginia when the English population had reached a low of only 300 settlers (the rest had died of disease and starvation), and settled in a swampy area now called Lawnes Creek, across the James River from Jamestown. The location proved fatal to the colony and, when Lawne himself died, the few remaining puritans scattered to other plantations. Other ships were sent, but many of the passengers died at sea during the long voyages. The actual count of all puritan immigration to Virginia in 1618 was some 1,800 souls, of whom 1,100 died during the voyages, about 100 returned to England, leaving behind about 600 who can be accounted for in later years. By 1623, there were only seven puritans remaining in Virginia from the attempts of 1618. Indeed this was a harsh price to pay for religious freedom.

Meanwhile, upon hearing the news of the Virginia puritan colony, Bradford secretly changed the plans for his ship, Mayflower, and took his colonists to New England, arriving in 1621. We know the rest of that story which is pushed at us annually through television, school plays and in stores, ignoring the sacrifices of our own Virginia pilgrim ancestors.

Virginia continued to attract puritans with new plantations set up by

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WILLIAM PATRICK WOOTTEN OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, September 12, 1916
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Capt. W. P. Wootten

At 8:30 this morning the spirit of Captain W. P. Wootten passed into the great beyond leaving a life of memorable deeds and of service to his community and his people as a lasting monument to his memory.

For four long years he served through the civil war and a braver or a better soldier never lived. With an enthusiasm that followed him all through his life and a love for the cause that was dear and sacred to his soul, Captain Wootten at the outset enlisted in Co. F, a regiment [company] raised in Wilson and went forth to war. Of his bravery on many a battlefield, of his good cheer when things were going wrong and the fortunes of war were waning to sustain the heart of many a weaker brother, of his optimism and belief in Wilson whom he loved so well, his comrades and his friends delight to tell.

Before the present Wilson company was mustered into the federal service it was known as Company F, named for the one to which Captain Wooten belonged. He was also a lieutenant of Co. F when it was organized by Col. John F. Bruton and became its captain when Captain Bruton was elevated to the position of Colonel.

Company F of war time fame, was a part of the 4th N. C. regiment of Ramsey's brigade, Grimes division and Jackson's corps. After "war's fitful drum had ceased to beat," and "the gentle spirit of peace brooded over the land," our hero returned to find his beloved country desolate, but with the same fortitude that found him in the forefront of many a battle line, he together with the other brave comrades who returned bent their energies to the task and the result of their labors and the good things for which they stood are the foundation stones of a town worth tieing to in a county the best on which God's sun ever shone.

Captain Wootten has held many positions of trust in the official life of Wilson and in this county, which it would take too long an article to recount, but there is one to which we must and should refer, for the children of the Wilson graded schools both white and colored should revere and honor his memory, and when they hold their children's children upon their knees they should tell them that Captain Wootten was ever their true and tried friend and stood for and fought for their education by the community and the state.

Our hearts are saddened at his leave taking and our tears are mingled with his wife, sons and relatives.

May his sleep be as sweet, and his rest in the land of the blest as pleasant as his efforts to serve his country and his people.

He leaves a wife and three sons, Messrs. Ed, George and Charlie Wootten and a host of friends without number.

The funeral will occur at ten o'clock in the morning from the Methodist church and will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Stanbury, its pastor, and Elder P. D. Gold, pastor of the Primitive Baptist church.

The honorary pallbearers are Col. John F. Bruton, Ernest Deans, J. T. Wiggins, R. G. Briggs, J. M. Leath, Jonas Oettinger, Judge Connor, T. J. Hadley, Geo. Hackney, J. H. Marshburn, Douglas Hackney and Dr. N. B. Herring.

The active pallbearers are Messrs. W. W. Simms, E. F. Killette, R. J. Grantham, Doane Herring, William Walls, Frank Rountree, Will Graves and James Gatlin.

[Editor's note: William Patrick Wootten, born 14 March 1844, died 12 September 1916, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C. His grave marker is a double one with his wife Mary Polk Perry Wootten, born 15 December 1844, died 08 August 1934. They were married 11 October 1866.
Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries – Volume IV, compiled by Joan L. Howell
Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Volume II, compiled by J. Robert Boykin, III]

***(Puritans Pilgrims and Thanksgiving**, Continued from page 2)*

Bennett and Basse, both on higher ground. These were more successful but were almost completely wiped out in the Indian massacre of Good Friday, 1622. By this time, there were several hundred avid puritans living in the Virginia Colony. The Royal Governor made life just as difficult for them in Virginia as they had experienced in England, and many moved to the southern edge of the colony, out of sight and out of the mind of the bad tempered governor. This area, called Upper Norfolk, became Nansemond County, the site of the present city of Suffolk. For many years, that county attracted those who wished to worship as they pleased, without pomp, ceremony, or government interference.

When the Granville lands became available in North Carolina in 1743, many Nansemond residents moved to Edgecombe, Wayne, Johnston and Nash Counties (the parent counties of Wilson County). In general, families that prayed together tended to stay together, and fundamentalist churches became the norm for our area, both Quaker and Baptist. While the Friends (Quakers) have declined in numbers, the Baptist Churches have a firm hold on rural communities, still peopled by descendants of the early Virginia puritans. A noted researcher has labeled our area as an island of religious isolation, expressing amazement that this population has stayed so constant for nearly 500 years since Martin Luther's initial protest.

The term "pilgrim" was not attached to these people until many years later, and derives from the Crusades in Europe when Christians went to the Holy Land to remove infidels. Such a trip was labeled as a "pilgrimage."

Reference: John Bennett Boddie, ***Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County Virginia*** 1938 Chicago Law Printing Company. Chapter II: *Puritans and Pilgrims before the Mayflower*. Reprinted 1993 by Heritage Books Inc., Bowie, MD.

Note: December 2001 Family Connections
This column will not be printed in ***Trees*** because it was a personal recollection of events from 1941, not related to any particular family connections or to genealogy.
Henry Powell

Reflections from the Soldiers Home.

(By Henry Blount.)
The Wilson Times, August 15, 1913
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

In five camps last week, the "tattoo" was heard, the "taps" were sounded, the lights of evistence went out and five old veterans went into that dreamless repose to sleep until the "reveillie" on the Resurrection morn should wake them to the glories of celesial splendors and to the raptures of blissful immortality. Yes, five old soldiers last week "crossed over the river" and are "resting under the shade of the trees," awaiting to stand with Lee and Jackson and Johnson and other leaders whom they so often followed to victory and remain—yes waiting to "pass in review" on the "parade ground" in eternity, before the Great Commander of all the worlds. Yes, the old soldiers are rapidly passing away, and in a little while they will be only a memory and a sigh, with only a tear to glisten in the eye.

In speaking of these old veterans, there are a number here who were officers in the fourth North Carolina regiment of which the Wilson company was a part, and as soon as they heard I was from Wilson, they came to me and wanted to know if I knew Jim Marshborn, Pat Wooten and Pete Christman, and they asked many questions about them. And it was a pleasure to me to hear these old officers speak in such high laudation of their courage and daring and unflinching and perfect devotion to the dear lost cause. I told them that Pat Wootten and Jim Marshborn were true and still loyal to the lost cause that they had never surrendered, and were still unconquered, and that the thrilling strains of Dixie and the electrifying rebel yell still sent singling sensations through their veins. And there is a aJck Currie here, who was a member of Col. Parkers immortal thirtieth regiment, and he was a near friend of Dr. Tom Person, the bravest of the brave, and he was with Dr. Tom at the close of the war when he established the reputation of being one of the most daring and fearless men that ever faced danger. Captain Carrier speaks in glowing terms of highest praise of his boldness and bravery. I told the Captain that Dr. Tom was just as gentle and tender hearted and sympathetic and with every heart chord responsive to the least touch of distress now as he was bold and aggressive and daring and fearless then.

There are several Wilson people here, Bill Barbee, one of John Dunham's great griends and "shouters" is here and is very feeble and can scarcely walk, having but little use of his legs. L. Glenn, who was one of the leading workmen for the Hackneys way back in the seventies is here. He has that same walk now that he had then, and I recognized him from his walk, and stopped him in passing and asked him if he had not once worked in Hackneys shop. And there is one here from Elm City, Daniel Oliver who says he is 99 years old. He was a member of the fifth North Carolina regiment. He is very deaf and feeble and is almost a shadow. These old soldiers are frequently visited by Raleigh people, and they fully appreciate these visits too. Among the most frequent visitors is the accomplished Col. W. P. Wood. The very efficient state auditor and a most elegant and charming gentleman he is too, and he is very popular with the old soldiers for he is delightfully affable and courteous, and wears upon the lapel of his deportment the beautiful flower of genuine politeness whose exquisite fragrance is always so sweet and enchanting.

And while we are writing of such elegant men, I must speak of a former Wilson gentleman—a brilliantly polished type of a perfect gentleman of the highly accomplished Dr. Albert Anderson, who has risen to high eminence in his profession here and built up a large lucrative practice and gained great influence and widespread popularity, as an evidence of which I predict, that in two weeks he will be at the head, and the superinendent of one of the most important and most responsible institutions in the state. On the golden rounds of genuine worth and resplendent virtue he has climbed this ladder of preferment, where merit receives its richly jeweled crown of recognition and reward. I spent a night in his cozy, elegant, charming home this week and there I found every evidence of culture and refinement, for a queen of rarest intellectual powers and the most briliant literary attainments presides over that home with regal grace, and makes it a shrine of contentment and enchantment, for in all of my travels I have never met a more accomplished hostess, and my visit there will ever be enshrined amid my fondest memories. And whenever my thoughts take me back on the ocean of the past, that visit that night will rise up and glisten upon my vision as refreshingly and as beautifully as those flower laden islands that sleep upon the bosom of the Atlantic hugged in the embrace of rippling billows and kissed by the glimmering wavelets of twinkling stars.

[Editor's note: Typed as originally printed with the exception of two misplaced lines which have been moved to the proper place in this transcription.]

BURYING THE SOLDIERS

[Follow up to "Confederate Deaths at the Wilson Hospital", *Trees of Wilson,* May 2000]
The Wilson Times, March 4, 1915
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

When the Confederate Soldier is mentioned the heart of brave James Marshburn wells with pride and anything that smacks of neglect for the living or failure to properly respect the bones of the dead causes the well springs of his affection for the cause to move responsively.

During the excavation of the foundations for the extension of Smith warehouse, the bones of 13 soldiers were uncovered in ground that was formerly the old cemetery before the bodies interred there were removed to Maplewood cemetery. It was thought that the remains of all the soldiers had been removed, but it seems these who were left were in unmarked graves or where the headpieces had rotted away.

The others rests in Maplewood cemetery in the mound over which stands guard the lone sentinel placed there by the loving hands of the Daughters of the Confederacy who more than all others treasures the noble deeds of those who wore the gray.

Mr. Marshburn secured a coffin and had the remains of the 13 laid away in Maplewood this afternoon. The city we are quite sure will re-imburse Mr. Marshburn for this last service to his comrades.

[Typed as originally printed.]

THE MARSHBOURN FAMILY

From the Hugh B. Johnston Files

SAMUEL MARSHBOURN

This once-prominent citizen of Wilson was born in 1802 in Wake County. About 1836 he married Susan Forbes of Pitt County. Around 1847 he married secondly Rebecca F. _____, born in 1815, by whom he had two children. In 1846 he was living at Battleboro and was engaged in bridge-building, but he sold out there early in 1854 and moved to Wilson. The Edgecombe County Census of 1850 credited him with five children and property valued at $4,000, while the Wilson County Census of 1860 estimated his worth at $32,890. In the last of the Civil War he operated a steam mill near East Green Street. The problems of Reconstruction appear to have ruined him financially, and at the time of his death after 1870 he was living on the east side of Green Street about half-way between Pine and Jackson Streets.

There were six of the Marshbourn children: Martha E. was born in 1837 and married Henry A. Todd in Edgecombe County. on February 14, 1854; Sarah L. was born in 1839 [*Nash County, North Carolina Marriage Records 1783-1868,* compiled by Frances Ingmire records the marriage of Sarah to Henry A. Todd on June 7, 1866.]; James H., born in 1841, will be mentioned later; Samuel D. was born in 1843. On June 28, 1861, he [Samuel D.] went down to New Bern and enlisted in Company F, 4th North Carolina Regiment, C. S. A. It is of record that he was detailed as a Pioneer from June 27, 1862, through August of 1864. Susan F. and Georgiana were born respectively in 1848 and 1853, but they had either married or died by 1870.

On December 4, 1857, Pomeroy P. Clark sold Samuel Marshbourn for $2,000 one acre facing Green Street in Wilson and adjoining James Tomlinson, W. L. Oast, C. L. Parker, and Branch. On May 14, 1858, James D. Barnes sold him and Thomas F. Christman for $675 six and ¾ acres east of the Rail Road at Arthur Farmer's line and adjoining Elizabeth Farmer, excepting "the street which the town of Wilson by its authorities has caused … to be cut through said Land"; witnessed by George Howard, Jr.

On April 30, 1859, W. W. Winstead sold Samuel Marshbourn for $200 a half-acre lot extending 105 feet "on Green Street at the Female Academy," and along J. W. Farmer. On November 7, 1859, Marshbourn sold to the Wilson Female Seminary for $33 a lot ⅓ acre east of the Rail Road and bounded by "The lot bought of Elizabeth Farmer by and for the Wilson Female Seminary on the line of the Rail Road"; witnessed by James H. Griffin. On June 1, 1860, Arthur Barnes sold Marshbourn for $600 a lot of 60 acres bounded by E. Parker, Diana Barnes, and James D. Barnes; witnessed by P. P. Clark.

On July 30, 1860, Arthur Barnes sold Samuel Marshbourn for $625 another sixty acres adjoining Calvin Rountree, Diana Rountree, Lafayette Barnes, and James D. Barnes; witnessed by James D. Barnes. On September 1, 1860, Marshbourn sold to Charles Ibbetson for $500 the lot running 105 feet along Green Street "near the Town of Wilson commencing on Green Street at the Male Academy." On September 1, 1860, Marshbourn sold Charles Ibbetson for $6,000 a tract of 8½ acres adjoining R. H. Tooley, up the Barefoot Road to the corner of Academy Street, and then to the Rail Road; witnessed by George B. Ballinger.

The reader should remember that this area of the old Barefoot Road running to the old crossing over Toisnot Swamp near the present London's Church is now known as Pender Street. On September 1, 1860, Samuel Marshbourn sold to Charles Ibbetson for $2,500 one acre running 160 feet along Green Street and adjoining James Mullins, E. W. Watson, C. L. Parker, and Edmund Moore; witnessed by George B. Ballinger. On August 8, 1861, Marshbourn sold James E. Gorham for $10 down sixty acres adjoining Calvin Rountree, N. B. Rountree, Lafayette Barnes, James D. Barnes, and Willie Rountree, deceased; witnessed by Arthur Barnes.

On January 4, 1864, Samuel Marshbourn sold to Mary A. and H. W. Boone for $100 a half-acre adjoining Sally Barnes "on the Road leading into Green Street" to "the new street running into Green Street opposite the said Marshbourn's Steam Mill Lot"; witnessed by J. Beeman. On August 2, 1867, A. G. Brooks sold Samuel Marshbourn's mortgage to John W. Dunham for $2,000 for an acre lot adjoining James Mullins, Edmund Moore, and G. J. Perkins, extending 160 feet along Green Street; witnessed by John J. Bryan.

On August 2, 1869, Trustee A. G. Brooks sold to R. C. D. Beaman and Owen W. Jones the Samuel Marshbourn lot of four acres beginning on Green Street sixty feet from the center of the Rail Road, running to the Barefoot Road, along it to Arthur Barnes, then seventy yards from the Rail Road, then 86 yards and one foot to Pine Street 70 yards from the Rail Road, along Pine Street to the Rail Road, and along said Rail Road to the starting point; witnessed by John W. Durham. (If the reader should also examine a number of mortgages on record, other details of the former Marshbourn properties in Wilson might come to light.)

Samuel Marshbourn died about the first of December in 1877, leaving an estate valued at "about $100." On December 10, 1877, his widow Rebeccah F. Marshbourn requested that R. W. King be appointed to serve as the administrator. Sarah was married to a Tart, James H., Samuel D., and Susan were still living, and Georgiana had married Van Buren Bass. (This record indicated that Susan was born in 1853 and Georgiana in 1855.)

JAMES H. MARSHBOURN

James H. Marshbourn was born in Edgecombe County on February 14, 1841, and died in Wilson on April 3, 1919. On October 4, 1866, he married Martha Ann Parmelia Farmer, daughter of Arthur Dew Farmer and wife Catherine Farmer. She was born on June 14, 1850, and died on March 13, 1916, in Wilson. On June 26, 1861, at New Bern, he enlisted under Captain Jesse S. Barnes in Company F, 4th North Carolina Regiment, C. S. A. On March 13, 1863, he was promoted to Corporal. On May 3 he was captured at Fredericksburg and sent to Washington, but on May 10 he was exchanged at City Point, Virginia, and subsequently rejoined his Company to which he was appointed Sergeant on September 6. He was wounded at Snicker's Gap, Virginia, on July 18, 1864, recovered, and rejoined his Company. On April 6, 1865, he was captured at Burkeville. After a period of confinement, he took the Oath of Allegiance and was released at Newport

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*(**Marshbourn Family,** Continued from page 5)*
News, Virginia.

"Jim" became a very popular citizen of Wilson and spent most of his active life with the Police Department. In the

Wilson Police Department ca 1898

Wilson County Census of 1870 he was listed with his wife Martha, his father and mother, and property valued at $300. On February 28, 1891, John R. and wife V. E. Rawls sold J. H. Marshbourn for $775 a lot of 7⅓ acres east of Vance Street adjoining John R. Rawls, and J. F. Abrams, extending back 214 feet and being a portion of the Copeland lot now "the lot whereon the said Marshbourn now lives." On April 30, 1897, the Town of Wilson sold Mrs. Martha Marshborne for $10 Lot No. 4, on F Street, Section E, of Maplewood Cemetery, by Mayor P. B. Deans.

Wilson Police Department ca 1916

James H. Marshbourn made his will in Wilson on March 21, 1919, and it was probated on April 5: All property was left to his foster-son and executor Moses Farmer, including two lots in Wilson, and "except one pistol and flag which I give to my friend Doane Herring"; witnessed by John R. Dildy and O. P. Dickinson. Since Moses Thomas Farmer's mother Nancy Farmer, daughter of Ceborne Farmer and wife Theresa Thomas, had died shortly after his birth, and since his father John Williams Farmer did not remarry until about six years later, "Tobe" had been reared by his father's sister who was the childless wife of former Police Chief Marshbourn.

[The document from which this was typed was very faint. Effort was made to type the information correctly.]

REBECCA F. MARSHBORN TRIBUTE

The Wilson Times, April 17, 1896

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

In Memoriam.

Rebecca F. Marshborn, mother of our townsman James H. Marshborn died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Todd, in Nash county on the 29th of March in the 85th year of her age.

Mrs. Marshborn died of old age, a privilege granted to a few of the human family. She was well up to the time the messenger came, and her work being finished, she was ready and willing to go. She was a woman of character; such a character as none of us need be ashamed in the day of final reckoning.

She was honest, upright, hospitable and kind. She was a member of the Methodist church, and believed in works as well as faith. She showed her faith by her works. Unlike the priest who passed by on the other side of the stranger, she like the Samaritan always had compassion on him, and as long as she had the where with to help the afflicted, held an open purse and an open house.

She was a good rebel, a patriot and did much for the soldiers during the war. The military hospital at Wilson was the scene of her constant activities, and seldom was her own house without one or more of the sick or the wounded.

She lived in peace with her fellow man, and forgave her enemies. When the "other Book" is opened we may confidently hope to find her credit sheet far in advance of the debit. Her children and friends have no cause to mourn.

A Friend.

[Editor's note: Sarah Marshborn married Henry A. Todd in Nash County on June 7, 1866.]

PEELE LETTER

From the Hugh B. Johnston files

Good Hope, Elmore County, Ala. May 1st/86

Wm H. Thomas & family

My Dear Relatives,

This will inform you that I and family are so as to be up and able to get about, but we are most always grunting or complaining. We do not feel like we did when young; our Children [are] all Tolerable well. We have but three alive, Two daughters and One son. We have thirteen Grand Children. I was seventy-four years Old the 20th of Feb. Wife will be seventy the 10th of May. Been living together fifty Years the 17th of last December. Our time is drawing to a close, but we do not know when.

I want you to send me a letter and state to me how many Children you have living, and where your two sisters are, and tell me about some of the Old People of that Country. The young ones I know nothing of Them. Times (are) hard, yet most everything is plenty and cheap Enough for them that have got the Money to buy with.

We have had a severe & cold winter, and the last of March and first of April the greatest flow in the Rivers that has ever come along, from four to six feet higher than ever known here before. The water [is] from 4 to 10 feet deep in the streets of Wetumpka. That is the Capitol of Elmore County. The Bridge washed away that had been there forty years. A large amount of stock drowned and some lives lost. Some men entirely Ruined by the overflow. The farmers and planters are nearly all done planting. Very little Cotton Chopped as yet. There is Cotton enough planting to Keep the prices down. I can't think of anything that would be Interesting to you, and I will quit for this time Farewell. Respectfully Yours &c.,

E. W. Peel

HENRY BLOUNT OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, October 15, 1914
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

PASSING OF A PIONEER.

Henry Blount, Writer, Lecturer, Friend of Man and Honored Citizen of Wilson Has Gone to eternal Rest.

One of the unique characters who had much to do with the life of Wilson for three score years passed over the river during the prgoress of the work of compiling this Greater Wilson edition of *THE TIMES.* Devoted to the welfare of the community and the uplift of its ideals, this story of Wilson and Wilson county would be incomplete without the mention of the life of Henry Blount.

Born in Nash county, close to what is now the Wilson county line, Henry Blount was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Blount. Henry Blount died August 27, 1914 and at the ripe age of 71 years.

Henry Blount became thoroughly known throughout the state as the editor of the *Wilson Mirror* a weekly paper which was always cheery and bright, a publication type. He later entered the lecture field, his talent in that line bringing him much success. As a young fellow he had entered the Confederate army and the record that he made is that of a gallant son of North Carolina serving the state as devotedly in war as in peace.

At the breaking out of the War Between the States Henry Blount was a student at Colonel Tew's school at Hillsboro, the Hillsboro Military Academy. He went to Nashville, N. C., and joined the Nash Boys, the company later reorganized and made Company B of the Forty-seventh N. C., Kilpatrick's Brigade, Hoke's Division. He did service as commander of skirmishers and during the war was promoted to a lieutenancy, serving till his capture near the close of the war. After the war he made his home at Wilson, where for a considerable time he was the editor of the Wilson Mirror, his style of writing attracting much attention.

A man of high ideals and of clean life, he had the art of making friends, and he was held in the highest esteem. His death will bring sorrow to all who knew him. He loved humanity and he was beloved of mankind.

Much of the time of Henry Blount during the last ten years of his life was given to writing for the newspaper press of the state and the expression as given in the editorial columns of the *Greensboro News* after his death suggests in brief sentences the characteristics of the big-hearted man.

The *News* said: In the passing of Henry Blount, the state of North Carolina has lost a unique character. If there ever lived a man without an enemy in the world this was he. His philosophy was always optimistic, his prophecies were always bright. His most remarkable characteristic of course, was the fertility of his imagination which was capable of weaving into the fabric of the most prosaic theme ornamentation of oriental richness.

Henry Blount attained to a ripe old age, if his life be measured by years, but he was youthful to the end. Every goose was a swan to him, and every lass a queen. He carried to the grave illuions that most men have crushed in early mnahood, but who will dare to call him less wise for that? Blount was a visionary, perhaps, but his dreams were happy ones. He spent his life gathering rosebuds and ignoring the thorns. What higher wisdom can there be?

Another editorial writer, in the *Raleigh Times*, paid this tribute:

Henry Blount, soldier and singer, has crossed over the river to rest in the shade of the trees. There he has joined other singers, and if his life is appraised there as it is by his mortal friends, he will be chief among the angels. For Henry Blount breathed fellowship, love, and charity. He knew no evil because he would not know it. The world, even as he lay on a bed of pain, looked bright to him, and a few months before his old body gave way, his young mind was thinking of the time when he would again be with friends—to amuse them, he said with scraps from lectures that he delivered in other days.

The last eighteen months of the life of this great character were spent in the Home for Confederate soldiers at Raleigh and in the quietude of that retreat the deep and tender mind seemed to dwell on the sweetest thoughts. The following sketch, entitled "Twilight Thoughts" was written during the last year and deserves the place in this edition.

Sitting here in the deepening gloom of the mellowing twilight and with feelings softened and sweetened by the hallowing influence that always sweep over one's heart as we sit and yield to that sweet melancholy that is always felt when the shadows—those silent and voiceless pall bearers in the funeral procession of day—pass on to the cemetery of darkness, we begin to muse and commune with God and dream of Heaven and its rest, and its blessedness, and long crave and hunger for its beatitudes and its felicities, its symphonies and its harmonies and its raptures, and for those joys that are imperishable, and for those flowers of happiness that live in perpetual bloom and fragrance. Here in this earth life all jows and all pleasures are ephemeral, and are as evanescent as the quivering flshings of the dazzling lightnings that writeout in glitterings upon the black parchmont of the clouds the awe inspiring sentence "Behold and know that I am God" and which electrify for a moment and then fade away into the rayless deeps of spaces, and leave not one single brilliant letter there to tell of its thrilling corruscations. Yes, all things earthly are subject to decay and sooner or later must fade, wither, droop, perish and pace forever away. The glittering dew drops, which sparkle with such diamond-like brilliance in their fragrant coronal at morning, die under the kisses of sunbeams, and pass away like a snow flake upon the bosom of a river. The beautiful rainbow, child of the light and the shadow, born in the wedlock of the sunbeams and the rain drops and nursed on the echoes of the retreating storm, yields to the inevitable flat of the inexorable law of decay, and in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, all of its varigated colorings—its splendor and its loveliness are drowned in the flood light of the ulgent sun and not one trace is left to tell where its iridescent glories had glistened.

The beauties of the wood land, the fragrance of its blooming flowers, the murmur of its rippling cascades, and the tunefulness of its God-taught minstrey, whose gladful notes thread the air with a melody as sweet as echoes from Heaven—yes all these are subject to the same inexorable

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law, and like the dew drops and the rainbow, they too yield to the touch of decay and pass away. Yes, even the stars, which blossom out into such rich bloom of brilliance upon midnight skies, and enrich a world with their sparkling wealth, yield to the same stern, immutable, irrevocable decree, and in the quivering flashing of some dazzling meteor we behold the brilliant funeral train of some dead star on its fire-paved pathway to everlasting burial. But there is one thing which cannot die. There is a life—Jesus given—which lives in the eternity of its own undecaying and undying vigor and freshness and glorified beauty, and it has a joy and a peace and a rapture about it that eternity itself cannot fathom or measure or bound. Yes, there is too on earth the Christian's hope of that glorious immortality, and protected as it is in the arms of religion, and nursed on the faith of the promise of Jesus, it too has an etrnity of existence, and grows stronger, purer and brighter as life runs down its channel to the ocean of death. And even its glory beams will flash across the darkened chasm, and illume and brighten up the inky deep which rolls between time and eternity, and disclose to enraptured visions beautiful glimpses of the blessed heavenof peace and rest which lies glistening, all bright and resplendent with that glory light which flashes in evrlasting sparkles from the throne of God.

Henry Blount has gone home. His life devoted to bringing a smile to every man's heart, was well lived. He had no enemy. He made only friends—for he was the friend to man.

Good night—friend.

[Editor's note: Copied as originally printed.]

MR. L(afayette) F(rancis) LUCAS OBITUARY

The Daily Times, April 3, 1913

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

The death of Mr. L. F. Lucas, was not unexpected when it came at 8:30 last night, when surrounded by relatives and friends he breathed his last in his home near Wilson.

For quite a while he has been in very poor health, but without a murmur of complaint he awaited resignedly the will of the Father and "fell on sleep."

The deceased is survived by a wife [here a line appears to have been left out.] husband and father and neighbor and a devout Methodist. The better part of his life he spent at Lucama, the ancestral home being in Cross Roads township.

He was a leader in that section, and his interest in education and the agricultural affairs of the county which he did much to improve are a monument to his memory.

The deceased is surivved [sic.] by a wife and six children as follows: Mrs. Louis Tomlinson, Mrs. Effie Alford, Misses Eva and Grace Lucas and Miss W. A. Lucas and Albert Lucas.

Rev. Mr. Bradshaw conducted the services at his residence at noon and the southbound train conveyed the remains to their last resting place in the cemetery at Lucama, where at 3 o'clock this evening they were consigned to the tomb in the presence of a large concourse of people. Rev. Mr. Bradshaw and the following pall bearers accompanied the remains to Lucama: Col. John F. Bruton, H. G. Whitehead, J. M. Leath, W. J. Davis, N. L. Finch and George W. Connor.

H. G. CONNOR, ADM'R CUM TESTAMENTO ANNEXO OF MARY HARPER, DECEASED.

Submitted by Thomas B. Harper, Jr.

A copy of the estate disposition paper concerning the property of Mary Barnes Harper after her death in March of 1895.

1895	Dr.		
Apr. 11.	To amount	Cash on hand,	$65.00
Oct. 1.	" "	Rent of Virgil Horn,	74.25
" 1.	" "	Rent of M. A. Bryant,	25.00
" 26.	" "	Cash of J. E. & W. F. Woodard for 70 acres of land,	800.00
" "	" "	Silas Lucas, sale of Home Place,	1101.00
" "	" "	Account sale,	120.75
1897			
Apr. 11.	" "	Int. on Silas Lucas note,	21.20
			$2207.18

1895	Cr.		
Apr. 11.	By amt. Pd.	J. D. Bardin,	4.05
	" " "	Wooten & Stevens,	36.00
	" " "	Dr. C. E. Moore,	14.00
Oct. 26.	" " "	Silas Lucas for right of way,	40.00
	" " "	A. J. Simms,	5.00
	" " "	Printing notice,	1.00
	" " "	B. W. Hargrave,	4.05
	" " "	G. W. Bryan, [(?) Typo? Bryant]	2.50
	" " "	J. W. Cowell, tax,	5.47
		Commissions,	115.91
			$ 227.98
[Balance]			$1979.20

The Adm'r has paid to the devisees the following amounts:

M. A. Bryant,	$430.65
Edwin Harper,	41.01
Amt. Forwarded,	$471.66

Tom Harper wrote that this information came from a person who was contracted in 1995 to do some research. There is more information on the sale, which is handwritten, that shows many other people, most of whom appear to be Mary's children. George W. Bryant was the only child of his great/grand aunt, Martha Bryant.

[Editor's note: Mary Barnes married John Harper in Edgecombe County on November 10, 1827. Their daughter Martha married Joseph Bryant in Edgecombe County on July 13, 1854.

The 1860 Wilson County census lists Mary, age 50, and John Harper, age 54, in Wilson District with Mary, age 19; Priscilla, age 18; Edwin, age 15; Jane, age 13; and Arthur, age 10. Their immediate neighbors were Elisha Barnes and Oswald Lipscomb.

In the 1870 Census, John and Mary were listed in Wilson Township. Arthur, Martha Bryant, age 42, and her son George, age 12, were living with them.

In the 1880 Census, John is not listed. Daughters Martha and E. J., age 32, were living with Mary.]

A Roster of Company B, Wilson County Rifles as compiled by R. F. Barnes. The full document takes over 30 pages so will be listed in Trees in sections over the coming months. **This is Part 6.**

Lamb Spias 6/1/1861 22 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census Spiny Lamb, age 22)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died at Camp Potomac of inflammation of the brain on 12/31/61 (?wife Patience Lamb, 1860 #977)
Leach E. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled at Leesburg 10/2/62; no further record
Logan William I do not believe this man to have been a member of Company B at any time in the War. He was captured at a place and time the do not coincide with the unit history and there is question as to the validity of his name.
Military Service Record
Private; captured Murfreesboro, Tennessee 12/30/62 ???; imprisoned and paroled Fort Delaware 9/14/64
McCarthy James ??: not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured Burkeville, Va 4/6/65; imprisoned Point Lookout; no record of oath or release
Maddry or Mabry Charles 2/27/1864 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #152, Charles W., age 14)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; present at Appomattox 4/9/65 ?John & Nancy Madry 1860 #1152)
MannJohn ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled at Farmville, Va. 4/11-12/65
Marshall George W. 5/27/186120 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #622, age 19)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
?John H. Marshall, 1860 #622
Private; captured at Old Church, Va 5/30/64; imprisoned Point Lookout then Elmira; took oath 6/30/65
Martin G. Wilson Co.
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled in Goldsboro 5/15/65
Mays W. T. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled in Salisbury 5/12/65
Mears William R. 1/27/186222 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; killed at Chancellorsville 5/3/63
Meeks Henry 5/27/186145 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #1131, age 40)/(1870 Census #089, age 51)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse(*
?wife Temperance Meeks
Private; on special detail through end of War as artificer and carpenter, possibly to docks at Wilmington , 1860 #1131)
Mercer Henry 5/28/186118 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #1130, age 16)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
?Celia Mercer 1860 #1130)
Private; wounded at Sharpsburg 9/17/62 & died of wound at Winchester 10/15/62
Mills A.W. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private: paroled at Salisbury 5/27/65
Moore Alfred 5/28/186123 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Corporal then Private; deserted 5/10/63; captured 3/64 and sentenced to hard labor for 1 year; captured at Wadesboro, Va 9/27/64; imprisoned Point Lookout; took oath 5/14/65
Moore Nathaniel Jr. 5/29/186122 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #963, age 20)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
?Nancy (1860 #963) & (?Nathaniel)
Corporal then Sergeant then Private; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63; wounded again 10/64 and in hospital at Lynchburg; no further record
Moore Nathaniel Sr. 12/1/186236 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured at Kelly's Ford 11/7/63; imprisoned at Point Lookout; paroled & exchanged 11/15/64; captured at Burkeville, Va 4/6/65; imprisoned Point Lookout; took oath 6/29/65
Moore Simon 5/28/186121 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #963, age 20)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
?Mother Nancy Moore
Private; present at Appomattox 4/9/65
Moose F.D. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled at Salisbury 5/28/65
Morris Dempsey1/31/186224 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #11120, age 24, at residence of Mary Page)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63; killed at Spotsylvania 5/12/64
Morris or Moore Wiley5/27/186122 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1100, age 21)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died at Camp McIntosh in Wayne Co. 4/10/62 Louis & Platy Morris 1860 #1100)

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Mosley J.. Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled in Goldsboro '65
Murray John H. 6/29/186137 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1151, age 37)
Military Service Record Garysburg *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died at Camp Potomac of inflammation of the brain on 9/16/61 (wife Orpai Murray, 1860 #1151)
Odom Richard 5/30/186123 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded in shirmish near Richmond 6/21/62 and died of wound and phthisis pulmonalis 1/16/64
Osborne J. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured Gettysburg 7/1-3/63; imprisoned at Point Lookout and died there 1/16/64
Outlaw Grady 12/?/1864 ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; no other records ?Taylor & Martha A. Owens 1860 #614
Owens Hamlet H. 1/20/186218 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #614, Hnery H., age 17)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in Richmond, Va 7/62 (cause unstated) Taylor & Martha A. Owens 1860 #614
Owens Morrison T. 5/29/186121 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #614, age 20)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded Malvern Hill 7/1/62; wounded and captured Sharpsburg 9/17/62; paroled at Shepardstown; hospitalized and died at Winchester 10/10/62
Parker Josiah H. 5/27/1861 21 Nash Co. (1860 Census #0487, age 19)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Weaks & Harriet Parker, 1860 Nash #0487
Private; wounded at Sharpsburg 9/17/62; captured Kelly's Ford 11/7/63; imprisoned Point Lookout; paroled & exchanged 2/24/65
Peel Matthew T. 5/28/186122 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #995, Mahew T. Peele, age 20)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; discharged 10/31/61 ?William & Rody Peele, 1860 #995
Penington Rufus 10/?/1864 ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; no further records
Pierce Joseph C. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Transferred in as 1st Lieutenant 10/22/61; resigned due to illness 3/1/62
Pittman Cannon 6/24/1863 ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record Wake Co *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; reported from hospital in Wilson 2/24/64; killed at Spotsylvania 5/12/64
Pridgers Samuel5/27/186121 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #528, Samuel Pridgen, age 20)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died at Fredericksburg 8/8/61 ?Jarman & Patsey Pridgen, 1860 #528
Puckett James H. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; present 12/31/63-2/24/64
Puckett L.H. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled Salisbury 5/27/65
Redwine G.A. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled Salisbury 5/3/65
Renike or Remike John 5/27/186127 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private: present at Appomattox 4/9/65
Renis J. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled Salisbury 5/27/65
Rentfrow John T.5/28/186124 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #293, J.T.Renfro, age 23)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died at Wilson of disease 12/18/62
Rentfrow Perry 6/24/186324 Wilson Co. 1863 (?1860 Census #978, age 22)
Military Service Record **Wake Co** *Parents and/or Spouse*
?wife: Welly, 1860 Census #978
Private; captured at Burkeville, Va 4/6/65; imprisoned Point Lookout; took oath 6/17/65)
Retchey Henry J. ??; Not in Wilson Co 1860 Census)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private: Paroled Salisbury 5/11/65
Robinson John 5/27/186125 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #573 at home of Sanders Trevathan (see entry)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Malvern Hill 7/1/62 and retired to Invalid Corp 4/29/64

Meeting Minutes of WCGS, November 27 , 2001

The meeting of WCGS was held in the Wilson County Library, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. President Carol Forbes presided.

The October meeting minutes were previously printed in *Trees of Wilson* and approved as written.

Henry Powell introduced Sarah Warden who installed officers for 2002. The new officers are Sue Powell, President; Frances Roberson, Secretary; and Henry Powell, Treasurer. New Directors are Richard Rountree and Carol Forbes.

Carol Forbes gave a report of her two-year's service as President. We had many interesting speakers and programs, several of whom were generous in time and effort from out-of-town. She expressed her pleasure in serving and thanks to all.

Henry Powell gave a comprehensive Treasurer's Report on expenses and income. Sales of Hugh Johnston's books are going well. The lengthy Bridgers and Braswell books are selling well. For our new members, the late Hugh Johnston was a well-known family researcher of Wilson County families and others.

Sue Powell read the annual report. We had an increase in membership to 210 members. By computerizing and organizing, Henry and Sue Powell have led in the super growth of the Society.

After adjournment, delicacies, including date bars and Japanese fruit pie were enjoyed. They were prepared by Grace Turner.

The next WCGS meeting will be January 22, 2002. Carol, you have done a great job!

Respectfully submitted,
Lenore Smith, Secretary.

Conferences

National Genealogical Society Conference in the States 2002, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 15-18, 2002. Information is available at www.ngsgenealogy.org or by writing National Genealogical Society, 4527 Seventeenth St N, Arlington VA 22207-2399.

Virginia Genealogical Society Spring Conference, April 6, 2002. Information is available by writing Virginia Genealogical Society Spring Conference, 5001 W Broad St, Suite 115, Richmond VA 23230-3023.

Members

We no longer list new members in *Trees*. Mailing and E-mail addresses seem to find their way into commercial promotional lists, and *Trees* is distributed to a number of locations from which names could be obtained.

A list of members, addresses, and surnames of interest is mailed to individual members each year

Queries

Questions about Wilson County families may be emailed to WilsonNC@Yahoogroups.com or to ancestor@wcgs.org.

Queries from WCGS members will be automatically posted and printed in the next available issue of Trees. Queries from non-members may be posted on the internet discussion group at the discretion of WCGS.

To become a member of the list, visit our web site at http://www.wcgs.org
Go to the "discussion" section to view previous queries and answers or to join the group or post a query.

Board Meeting Minutes, December 04, 2001

The fourth and last Board Meeting of 2001 was held in the home of Henry and Sue Powell at 6:00 p.m. Officers and Board Members were treated to a delicious dinner of Brunswick Stew, Sally Lunn homemade bread and a delectable Christmas Trifle dessert. Mr. Powell was roundly praised as a chef.

Following dinner a business meeting was held. Carol Forbes, President, called the meeting to order. She expressed her pleasure in serving as President and thanked everyone for his or her cooperation. She said that she was looking forward to serving as a Director on the Board in 2002.

Mr. Powell, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. He suggested that dues could increase in the future, as dues of $15.00 with ten issues of *Trees of Wilson* is becoming difficult to maintain. He presented a 2002 budget that was discussed and agreed on by the board.

In other business Mr. Powell described the WCGS Heritage calendar that he has designed on his computer. He said that the calendar was a result of research into families and old structures: mills, houses and barns in western Wilson County. He said that J. Robert Boykin III and James Fulghum helped in locating places and families for the calendar. He said that 300 copies are on order, one free to members if they renew membership by the end of January 2002, and $5.00 for extras to members. The calendars are $10.00 for non-members for each copy. Calendars will be delivered before Christmas.

In other new business, plans for next year's programs were reviewed.

Sue Powell, incoming President, informed the Board that she would be out of town for January meeting. Mary Ann Sheak, Vice President, would preside and Mrs. Powell wished everyone Happy New Year.

The first meeting of 2002 will be held January 22, the fourth Tuesday of the month. Patrick Valentine and Debbie Webb, Librarians will speak on Wilson County Public Library Expansion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lenore Smith, Secretary.

Rocky Mount Libraries

Ronda Falk is the librarian at the new LDS Family History Center, located at 3224 Woodlawn Avenue in Rocky Mount. It is open on Monday and Tuesday 10 am to noon, and Wednesday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. There is one computer which you may reserve by calling 252-972-4094.

The Rocky Mount Public Library is closed until they move into their new building in February. More details will be given later on hours and genealogical materials available.

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___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume II $30.00
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___ Down a Country Road. (hardbound) $15.95
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President's Message

Hello,

This month we will focus on finding other ways to locate your ancestors. Specifically, we refer to getting on a plane, renting a car, and setting off through foreign countryside to locate points of significance to the life of an ancestor. Please come along to the February meeting on the 26th at the Wilson County Library to see how one can construct a family history on your feet. All the library work in the world cannot connect you with your heritage in the way that an actual visit can. There is something about the sights, scenery, sounds, smells, and sensory input that stays with you.

We have spent some time in the past month working with the Founding Families project. Begun in 1998, this project is designed to produce a publication by 2005 on the history of the families who were living in Wilson County at the time of its formation in 1855. Thanks go to the dozens of members who have already submitted material for this publication. Our new secretary, Frances Roberson, with the able help of Sarah Kirby, is getting out a mailing to ask other members to help with the project. Please help out by preparing a write up on your families. Guidelines are included in the mailing and are also available at www.wcgs.org. We know that it will not be possible to detail the history of each one of the 360+ famlies that were here at that time, but every entry is important. The usefulness of this document will depend upon the completeness.

We are pleased to report that membership renewals have gone well for 2002. We are beginning the year with a membership of over 200 with renewals still coming in. That's a long way from the original 16 members of February 1991. Our nationwide presence is awesome, with numerous states included.

Sue Powell

February 26th Meeting

Finding one's ancestors is what we are all about. Sometimes, it is rewarding to visit the area from which they came to see what you can find.

Sue and Henry Powell will report on one such effort, in September 2000, for the family of Matthew McCune. Born on the Isle of Man, raised in Scotland, making his military career in India after working as a baker in London, Matthew came to Utah in 1867 and founded a large family. One of his descendants has Wilson County connections and contacted the Powells with a request to organize a tour for family group members. The February program will be a slide program detailing how one goes about taking Matthew's diary and turning it into an organized series of visits to places of importance in his life in the British Isles.

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Childhood Memories

By Nancy Jackson

My mother is Bertha Estelle Davis, the daughter of Cordie Freeman Davis and Leona Lamm Davis of Wilson, N. C. She married Leslie Moore Garner of Newport, N.C. Since my dad was in the Navy, we didn't live close to the family in North Carolina, so I'm very glad my mom and dad made sure that my sister and I spent as much time during the summers as we could with our grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. I have a lot of wonderful memories of those summers, like:

Grandma's House: It was a small white wooden house that sat on the corner of Highway ??? and a road that was paved only a short distance before becoming a dirt road. There was a front porch with a swing that the "younguns" loved to play on, but we didn't get to very often. Grandpa was afraid for us to be in the front of the house because it sat so close to the road, but sometimes he would let us go out there if we promised not to go off the porch and get run over by the cars whizzing by. This wasn't a hard promise to keep since there wasn't much of a front yard, and it was the swing we wanted to play with. I do remember getting brave enough to go down the two or three steps on the porch. but I don't ever remember going all the way down to the yard. We were sure that a car would whiz by and run over us if we did.

When you went in the front door off the porch, you were in the "front parlor" with all of Grandma's best furniture. I can't remember anything in there except a table with a drawer that pulled out to reveal all of the family photos. I only remember looking at these pictures one time, but I guess they made an impression on me because I remember them. I don't think at the

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Family Connections
Wilson Daily Times January 22, 2002

More on The Hinnant Family

We prepared a column on the Hinnant family in October 2001. In that column, it was stated that the origins of this family were not clear. Since that time, we have had a call from Frank Hinnant of Fremont who has done extensive research on his family. He sent us to talk to his cousin, Jerry Stancil, who has Frank's papers. From those papers we have been able to piece together a possible origin for this family.

The first real clue to the family origin came from reports by soldiers returning from WWII who had been stationed in Belgium. The Hinnant/Hinant name is fairly common in the area south of Brussels known as Hainaut. Frank and his wife visited Belgium several times and discovered these reports to be accurate. The city of Leige, in Eastern Belgium near the German border, has several columns of entries in the local telephone directory under this surname. Research in Belgium suggested that the family name originated further to the west, in the province of Hainaut. This is still the French-speaking area of Belgium, a country divided into two cultures with two languages.

Frank and his wife set off across southern Belgium, visiting next in Charleroi where they found a similar concentration of individuals with their surname. There was still no indication of any possible personal connections despite numerous inquiries in their limited French, so they continued onward to Mons, a small industrial city that dates back to the Roman era. Mons has been a trade center for many centuries and had a cloth market for over 600 years. Frank and his wife checked into a small hotel and asked their waitress at breakfast for help in locating any Hinnant relatives. She replied that such a task was much like finding a needle in a haystack. Sadly, our Fremont couple packed their car and set off. Within a few yards, Frank saw a note under his windshield wiper, stopped, and read a message from their waitress. It was the address of a local Hinnant resident. Frank found a telephone, called, and made the long-sought connection.

Their new "relative," an English-speaking Belgian military officer, passed on a family legend that some of the "boys" had gone to England several hundred years ago and never returned. He further related details that the family name came from bundles of reeds used to fashion thatched roofs in medieval Europe-these bundles were called hainauts (the same name as the province in which Mons is located). In French, it is pronounced "eye-no." Somewhere in England, the pronunciation became what we use today with spelling to match. The two new friends exchanged addresses and eventually visits to each other's homes. In 1979, a younger sister, Carol Hinnant, came from Mons to spend a summer in Fremont.

Now armed with fresh information, Frank set off for England to look for evidence of the Hainaut "boys." He located an individual who undertook the research project only to find that the surname does not exist in present-day Britain. The researcher did find information that suggested that the immigrants may have arrived with brandy for sale-the term smuggler was casually mentioned but without any evidence. This could explain why there was no record of the arrival of any Hainauts into Britain. The theory was advanced that the individuals in question may have been involved in transporting thatching reeds from the English County of Norfolk, home to vast areas of bog land, to Belgium and bringing back brandy in return.

This is all supposition based on legend but at least provides a framework for further inquiries. To date, there has been no information

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A FAMOUS TREE

The Wilson Times, January 11, 1912
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

How many school boys, and school girls even heard, or saw the Cornwallas tree. It is more than a hundred and twenty eight years since the revolutionary war, but the tree is still here, that sheltered him in its day and has always stood near the brink of the hill on the road opposite Mrs. S. P. Clarks place just a mile from Wilson. We often saw it fifty years ago, and it was a magnificant oak with its heavy shade of green in summer and under whose branches there was a well of the purest and sweetest water that was known far and near, out side of the Toisnot region. But now alas, it is seard and scarced by time and age and it will hardly survive another year to greet the eyes of a young generation that may desire to visit it.

The late Mr. Benj. White, who was to the Manor born, as was his father and many of his friends were likewise the keepers of the traditions of the locality. Has often related to me in substance if not exactly in his words. That in the revolutionary war, after the battle of Guilford court house, the British General, Lord Cornwallas retreated from Wilmington and then soon afterwards moved across the state in the direction of Wilson and when he reached Contentnea creek he crossed at the ford with his infantry, at the point where there is now an iron bridge with a mill above it, owned by Mess. Hales and Lane, and the Commander on reaching the hill in view of Hominy swamp and its possibility when the approach of our sharp shooters, might have been observed, prudently pitched his tent on the spot and under this tree that was destined to bear his unsavory name to future generations. And in the meantime his Lieut. Commander Col. Tarleton with his calvary and artillery crossed the creek at Ruffin bridge, seven miles below and while a company of Pitt county mounted malitia under Co. Gorham, who was sent to reconnoiter the enemy they were attacked by Tarleton and were pursued to Adams bridge on Little Contentnea.

Uncle Tom.

[Editor's note: Copied as originally printed.]

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Conserving History

The Daily Times, June 10, 1915
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mr. Editor:

We were reading a few days ago an article written by the late T. C. Davis on the early days of Wilson and Wilson county, and we found it very interesting. We think some one should collect the matters of historical interest in Wilson county in such a manner that they could be preserved. Mr. Davis referred in one of his articles to the oak that stood on Hominy Heights and in front of the Tom High place, as the "Cornwallis Oak." Very few living in Wilson knew the history of that oak, but it is a fact that when Lord Cornwallis retreated from the battle of Guilford court house he crossed Contentnea creek near what is known now as Wiggins' mill and camped under this oak.

That oak should have been preserved, but it was not, and that which had once sheltered a British lord was used to

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found on Hinnant immigration to America. The late Archie Hinnant of the Texas branch discovered a record for a John Hinnant who died in colonial Bertie County in 1731, likely the father of the John Hinnant who settled on Contentnea Creek in Johnston County and died there in 1767. Frank's researcher in Europe did locate a Belgian birth record for a Jean Hainaut in the 1600s that could be translated as John Hinnant.

Archie Hinnant proved the connection of his Texas family to the NC family through William, son of John of Contentnea Creek, to a John Hinnant (b.1817) of south Texas who arrived there in 1852, having left Johnston County before 1847. This reinforces the belief that there is only one Hinnant family in America.

How did Jean Hainaut come to be in colonial Bertie County under the name John Hinnant? Frankly, nobody knows for sure. We have searched records of immigrants, transported prisoners, and other available data and found no reference to this individual. Was he a huguenot? Probably not as those were French protestants, and the Hainauts of southern Belgium were walloons, a term for the old Catholic French-speaking population. There was a small population of Presbyterian walloons who fled from Belgium in the late 1600s when it was occupied by French King Louis XIV, noted for his religious persecution of protestants. Nansemond County, Virginia, was noted as a refuge for those seeking religious freedom during the 1600s, and many ships docked there with new immigrants. There is obviously a need for further research in this area, made difficult by a courthouse fire that burned most Nansemond County records many years ago.

Many thanks to Frank Hinnant for his perseverance and determination to find the real story behind the history of his family.

Henry & Sue Powell

(***Famous Tree***, continued)

cook the frugal meal of an American citizen. Again there is lying in a neglected burying ground within seven miles of Wilson one Micajar Pettway and the stone above his ashes bears this inscription. A major in the Revolutionary war and a captain in the war of 1812.

We do not doubt but there are many other things of interest in Wilson county to be found by one of an enquiring mind. We hope some one will become interested in this matter and make due record of all that should be written.

JAMES DEMPSEY BULLOCK.

[Editor: the site of the Cornwallis Oak was probably somewhere near the present site of Hamilton Funeral Home (formerly Joyner's) on South Tarboro Street. This neighborhood, in later years, became known as Hominy Heights and was considered to be an elegant place to live. South Tarboro Street was, then, Raleigh Road, and was the main thoroughfare through Wilson from the east to the west. Old Raleigh Road still exists from Roney Williamson's store on Highway 42 West, and continues on into Raleigh under various other names. It is a difficult route to follow as there are many unlabeled turns.]

STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOBACCO GROWERS

Contributed by William T. Graves

(On January 18, 1900, the *Raleigh News and Observer* carried a long article about a group of North Carolina farmers calling themselves "The State Association of Tobacco Growers" who met in Raleigh (at Metropolitan Hall) to organize to "fight the [tobacco] trust." The article reads, in relevant part, as follows:)

Down with the Tobacco Trust

Large Gathering at Tobacco Grower's Convention.
Farmers All Agreed That the Trust Has Caused Big Reductions in Prices.
Various Plans of Action Suggested
The Discussion Showed no Division of Sentiment as to the Cause of the Depression. Debates on the Remedy

The State Association of Tobacco Growers held a preliminary meeting at noon yesterday and discussed matters tentatively and met in Metropolitan Hall at seven yesterday evening and took up the matter of organizing to fight the trust.

It is seldom that a gathering of men in more deadly earnest is gotten together. From first to last there was but one desire manifest--to evolve some definite and feasible plan for fighting the American Tobacco Company.

The number in attendance was far in excess of what had been anticipated. Metropolitan Hall being half filled with delegates. A permanent organization was effected with the election of the following officers:

President--J. Bryan Grimes of Pitt
Vice President--Capt. John B. Phillips of Nash.
Secretary--T. B. Parker of Orange.
Treasurer--B. W. Upchurch of Wake.

...The Franklin County delegation offered the following:

'Resolved, That the members of this Association cooperate with merchants and warehousemen of this State to build co-operation factories in every county in the State where it is deemed wise to do so, and that the farmers contribute a per cent of their crop hereafter to be determined as stock in said companies.'

The following plan of organization was submitted by Mr. T. B. Parker:

1. The tobacco growers must organize in each county a strong, compact organization.
2. Land owners must control the sale of all tobacco grown on their land for the protection of their own and the tenants' interest.
3. A fair price should be agreed upon for each grade and no tobacco shall be sold for a less price than that agreed upon for each grade. This agreed price shall be arrived at by means adopted by this convention or its executive committee.
4. Not plant a second crop that will exceed 50 per cent of the former crop until tobacco is at or above the agreed price.
5. A plan to raise the necessary money to carry out successfully the above plans and advance money or buy the tobacco of those who are forced to raise the money shall be submitted to tobacco growers of the State by the president and executive committee of the association, or other committee appointed by this convention.

...[There is a list of delegates from various counties, among whom were the following delegates from Wilson and the surrounding counties. No one from Edgecombe County is listed as attending the meeting.]:

WILSON: H. F. Freeman, R. S. Wells, A. Green, Wiley Barnes, F. W. Barnes, J. T. Graves, and E. J. Turner.

NASH: J. B. Philips, R. A. Hunt, G. W. Ward, W. A. Faulkner and J. M. Baird.

WAYNE: G. W. Best, D. A. Sasser, and J. W. Thompson.

The article then contains the full text of the speech given to the convention by its newly elected president, J. Bryan Grimes. The speech is a very moving appeal to the farmers in attendance to organize to protect themselves from the "depression" in the market brought on, in Grimes' view, by the monopolistic power of the American Tobacco Co [although he never mentions the company's name in his speech]. The plan outlined in this convention to limit production and set a "fair price" for each grade of tobacco portends the tobacco stabilization plan that the US Government ultimately implemented. In his speech, Mr. Grimes refers to tobacco having sold for 8 cents a pound in 1890 [the year in which the American Tobacco Company was formed by the merger of W. Duke, Sons & Company; Allen and Ginter Company; F. S. Kinney and Company; and Goodwin Company], when the crop was very large, to 6 cents in 1899, when the crop was much smaller. He argues that this decline in price while the supply declined is proof of the power the monopoly exercises over the market. He calls for cooperative efforts by the farmers and warehousemen.

In 1911, the United States Supreme Court held the American Tobacco Company to be a monopoly. It was broken up into four components: the new American Tobacco Company; Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company; P. Lorillard Company; and R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

LADY FAINTS.

The Wilson Times, February 20, 1914
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Quite a stir was caused at the Lyceum theater last evening when Mrs. Dred Sauls of Black Creek fainted at the conclusion of the play from apparently a case of suppressed mental excitement.

During the play a fire alarm was turned in on account of the fire at the Hackney Buggy Company and some child in the audience hearing the alarm shouted "fire." Immediately several people were on their feet and some ran out.

This caused others to rise and make for the exits, which had it not been for the great presence of mind of Mr. Frank A. Shea and Miss Edna Mason members of "The Red Widow" company, might have caused a serious panic.

Noticing the excitement caused by the alarm, the above mentioned, who were at that time on the stage, told the audience that there was no danger the fire being several blocks away. In this manner they soon induced all present to keep their seats, and, as soon as the excitement was over, resumed their lines with admirable calmness.

Dr. James Thomas Graves Obituary

The Wilson Times, January 7, 1914 and January 13, 1914

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Dr. J. T. Graves Dead

Dr. J. T. Graves, one of the most prominent men of Wilson county died suddenly at his late home, Graves Villa, this morning at 9[?] o'clock. Dr. Graves has been in ill health for the past few years and the end has been feared for some time.

The life of the deceased has been one of usefulness to both relatives and community, having served as a doctor, soldier, and able representative to legislature during his life.

He was born in Caswell county, October 10, 1834 and had he lived until next October he would have celebrated his 80th birthday.

On August 1860 he led to the altar Miss Louisa Francis Barnes, daughter of the late Edwin Barnes.

His departure is now mourned by a host of relatives, friends and his children, Mrs. Jesse J. Yates, of Asheville, Mrs. Henry W. Wharton, of Greensboro, Misses Francis S. Graves, Sallie Simms Graves and Messrs. Edwin B. Graves, of Stantonsburg and W. W. Graves of this city.

Dr. Graves was a staunch member of the Stantonsburg Methodist church.

The funeral will be conducted tomorrow at 2:30 at Graves Villa and the interment made in the family burying grounds.

The funeral will be conducted by Rev. Futrell, pastor of the Stantonsburg Methodist church.

Dr. James Thomas Graves

On the morning of Jan. 7th, 1914, at his home, Graves' Villa, Wilson county, N. C., the spirit of Dr. James Thomas Graves was called from time to eternity. His was a long life as he had entered into his 80th year.

He was descended from an old and distinguished family and was born in Caswell county, October 5th, 1834, the son of General Thomas Williams Graves and Mary Graves.

His paternal grandfather was Capt. James Graves of this State and Georgia, who fought in the war of 1812. His maternal grandfather was Rev. Barzilia Graves a noted Baptist minister of his time. He was directly descended from Wm. Williams a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

His earliest ancestor in this country was Thomas Graves, who came from England and settled in James City county, Virginia, in 1608.

He was closely related to Judge Jesse F. Graves, Hon. Calvin Graves, Hon. John Kerr and to John Herndon Graves, of Revolutionary fame.

Dr. Graves chose medicine as his profession and attended the University of Pennsylvania from which he graduated in the class of 1857.

He practiced long and successfully in Wilson and adjoining counties.

In the war between the states, he served as surgeon in the Confederate hospital at Goldsboro.

He served his State as a member of the legislature in the year 1893.

Dr. Graves was married August 13, 1860 to Miss Louisa Frances Barnes, of Wilson county, who preceded him to the spirit land in 1904.

Of this union four daughters and two sons survive, Mrs. Jesse J. Yates, of Asheville, Mrs. Henry W. Wharton, of Greensboro, Misses Frances Simms, Callie Simms Graves, Edwin B. and W. W. Graves of Wilson.

In early life he was converted and joined the Methodist church at Stantonsburg and served as steward many years. He was always ready to give testimony to his abiding faith in his Heavenly Father, so was able to face the last conflict with a firm confidence and a serene spirit.

The funeral service was held at his late residence and was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Futrell, of Stantonsburg, assisted by Rev. M. Bradshaw, of Wilson. The simple and impressive burial service of his church was read and a sketch of his life given.

"Rock of Ages," and "Nearer My God to Thee" were beautifully sung by a quartette composed of Mesdames Lawrence Brett, Howell Whitehead and Misses Mayo and Harriss.

The pallbearers were: Dr. S. H. Crocker, Messrs. W. W. Simms, W. J. Davis, John A. Corbett, Henry B. Lane, John Yelverton, Howard Rowe and U. H. Cozart.

He was buried in the family cemetery. The service was largely attended and the floral tributes were many and very beautiful.

[Editor's note: The articles are copied as originally printed. His grave marker records his birth date as October 5, 1834.]

Benjamin Alford Obituary

From *The Wilson Times*, September 9, 1914

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Benjamin Alford Dead

After having been in declining health for nine months, and the larger part of the time confined to his bed Mr. Benjamin Alford died at his home near Kenly, N. C., Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Alford is survived by his wife and five children, these being Messrs. J. H. and Stephen Alford, of Kenly; Rev. J. W. Alford, of Morehad City; Mrs. Henry Watson and Miss Nellie Alford, of Kenly. Two other brothers besides Mr. L. S. Alford and a sister also survive him.

Mr. Alford was 60 years old August 28. He was a citizen of sterlling worth and he will be missed in his community. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church and also of the Masons. He was prominent in the counsels of the Masonic order, having been a representative to the Grand Lodge for the past 15 years except for the last few years during which his failing health prevented his active participation in the work of the order.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Vanse of the Free Will Baptist church. Many friends and neighbors joined in the last tribute of respect.

The funeral was held from the home.

Rev. T. W. Chambliss of this city went to Kenly at the request of the Masonic order of that place to assist in the burial services, Mr. Alford having been Master of the lodge there for a number of years. Sixty members of the Masonic lodge united in the services, which were conducted at the family burial ground near Kenly.

[Editor's note: Copied as originally printed.]

time I was

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particularly interested in who the people were – it was just fun to look at the funny old pictures.

To the left off of the parlor was the front bedroom with sheer white curtains at the window, a small vanity dressing table and the bed – a big feather bed where I got to sleep when I was there. Boy, I loved that feather bed! I don't know how long it took Grandma to fix that bed every day after we got up, but once it was done she sure didn't want us kids back in that room. Of course, we stayed out of it.....most of the time! Oh, yes, the white enameled "slop jar" was kept under the bed just in case we had to "go" during the night. Grandma's house never did get an indoor bathroom.

Next was the living room with its big fireplace that had been bricked over and replaced by a wood-burning heater. The mantle was still in place and over it hung a painting of an English fox hunt painted by my Uncle Earl. Next to the heater was my grandpa's chair in front of a small closet. I remember asking about that closet, and Grandpa opened it one time, but I don't remember what was in there. I guess after he let us see it, the mystery was gone and with it the memory. Next to Grandpa's chair was Grandma's old treadle sewing machine. This was one thing the kids never touched even though it was an oddity, at least to me. My mother had a sewing machine, but it was electric and I could only wonder at how grandma made clothes for her family on a machine that you had to peddle. I learned the answer to that question when I was in the 9th grade taking home economics. Before we were allowed to sew on the electric machines, we had to make a complete garment on a treadle machine. I think I made an apron, and to my surprise it wasn't hard at all to manage the machine once you got hang of it. Wish I knew where that old machine was now!

Off of the living room was Grandma and Grandpa's bedroom, and about all I remember about it was it had a big bed (at least it seemed big to me) and a chest of drawers. Then there was a small room off of that which at one time had been Uncle Earl's bedroom but now had shelves on the walls that held Grandma's linens. There had also been a small space built with a mattress on top that was big enough for only one person to sleep, and there was a window with a hook latch at the bottom. As you will see later, this window played a big part of life at Grandma's house.

Grandma's Kitchen: From the living room toward the back of the house was Grandma's kitchen, dominated by a long wooden table with benches for seats. That table always had the salt and pepper shakers, a vinegar cruet, a jar of jam or preserves, and the sugar bowl on it. There were always plenty of eggs, sausage, bacon or fried salt pork and biscuits for breakfast with homemade butter in a round butter dish. One thing there wasn't was homogenized milk! Grandma got her milk from the Boyt's who lived up the hill in back and had a cow, so there was always milk, fresh cream and that good homemade butter; and there was always plenty of canned Pet Evaporated Milk in the pantry. Being a city girl, however, I just couldn't develop a taste for milk fresh from the cow, and Grandma always worried about me not getting enough milk to drink. Her solution was simple – she filled a coffee cup about ½ full of Pet Evaporated Milk and filled the rest with coffee and lots of sugar! To this day I like a little coffee in my cream and sugar!

I don't remember Grandma ever sitting down at the table to eat – I'm sure she did, I just don't remember it. Even before breakfast was done, dinner was started on the stove, and she was busy fussing over it. Any leftover biscuits and meat, along with the other condiments, were carefully put in the center of the table and covered with a clean dishtowel. If we wanted a snack, we knew what to get and where to get it. After dinner – our big meal at midday – the leftovers were again covered with the dishtowel to be eaten at suppertime. It seems to me there weren't very many biscuits left by supper, so we always had fresh hot ones with the evening meal. One thing I remember for sure – Grandma was a great cook!

I particularly remember her coconut cake sitting on her cut glass cake plate in the cabinet against the wall in the kitchen. I don't know how she did it, but that was the best cake I have ever had, bar none. She made a white fluffy frosting for it that would dissolve into the cake – if it lasted that long – and the moisture would seep out and puddle around the bottom of the cake. We always had to wait till after supper to have a piece, but sometimes during the day she would let us stick our fingers in the "juice" just to get a taste. And her biscuits!! They, too, are the best I've ever had, and I loved watching her make them. She had a big wooden bowl, shaped more oval than round, that she kept filled with flour from the big sack in the pantry. She scooped the flour out of the middle and sifted it right back into the bowl; then she added her lard, working it into the flour until it was just the right texture. Next, she poured the milk in and made the dough right in the middle of that bowl. She added flour from the sides as she needed it and kept her hands floured good, so the dough didn't stick to her. When the dough was just right, she pinched off a piece, rolled it between her hands into a slightly flattened ball and put it in her biscuit pan. Then, she turned her hand over and pushed down the dough with the tops of her fingers to make a perfect biscuit. When she finished, she had exactly one pan full of biscuits and a bowl with no sign of the dough left – just fresh flour ready for the next time.

I watched, totally enthralled at how she could do that so perfectly and so fast. I just knew I had to learn how to do it, too, so one day I asked her to teach me how. I remember that day so clearly, it could have been just yesterday. Grandma stood by the table with the bowl in front of her while I was on the bench on my knees. The first thing I learned was Grandma didn't measure anything and couldn't tell me how much flour to use. She just scooped "some" flour into the sifter and I sifted; then came the lard – what a mess! This is where Grandma took over the making of the dough while she explained what she was doing. When she got the lard mixed in, she let me feel the mixture so I would know what the "right amount" felt like. The same procedure was used with the milk; I poured and Grandma said "when". When the dough was made, I again got to feel the texture, so I'd know when it was right. That done, I was sure I could pinch off the right amount of dough for a biscuit, and so I tried.....and I

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tried.....and I tried! Grandma was so patient as I made the biggest mess you can imagine, mostly all over myself! I just couldn't get the hang of getting enough flour on my hands, pinching just the right amount of dough and rolling a round, smooth ball all at the same time. I finally gave up and Grandma took over making the biscuits, but I got to mash them down with the tops of my fingers, and that was something I never forgot how to do! And there's another reason I remember that day so clearly. It's the day I learned about Grandma's nose.

You see, as far back as I can remember I heard about how Grandma's nose came off and they had to grow her a new one. This was grownup talk, so I wasn't allowed to ask questions – that would be bad manners, or something I was too young to know about. But that didn't stop me from hearing the story of how Grandma had cancer in her nose and a traveling doctor came by and put a mustard poultice on it and told her to leave it on there for two weeks. She did what she was told, and when they pulled the poultice off, her nose came off with it! Mama said one of her earliest memories was of Grandpa hitchin' up the mule to the wagon and loadin' all the kids on it and driving Grandma into Wilson to see a doctor about it. Then they grew her a new nose on her hand and put it back on her face. And those red spots on her hand were where they grew that nose! This picture was always a horror to me, but I didn't dare ask any questions.....until the day Grandma and I were elbow deep in flour. It took all the courage I could muster to ask the question, but I did and grandma wasn't at all embarrassed about me asking, and she wasn't mad either. She just matter of factly told me that when the poultice came off, all the skin on her nose came off with it, so the doctors had to grow some new skin to replace what she had lost. No, she didn't have a big hole in her face when it came off, just the skin was gone. And then, to my great surprise, she pulled up her dress and the leg of her "drawers" (she always wore bloomers that came almost to her knees) and showed me where they had taken the skin from her thigh to make the graft to put on her hand. All my questions got answered, and I felt so grownup because she didn't get mad at me for having bad manners or tell me I was too young to be bothering about such things – she just matter-of-factly satisfied my curiosity while we made biscuits.

Since it was always summertime when I stayed in North Carolina, the days were always bright and sunny. That meant we went barefoot and stayed outside as much as we could. There wasn't a blade of grass to be found, so you can imagine how dirty we got by the end of the day. There was a big barn in the backyard – this was the smokehouse where Grandpa kept the hams and bacon hanging after they'd been cured over the low burning fire. I don't remember there ever being a fire burning in there, but my mother says there was a big iron pot in the middle of the floor, and they used hickory wood to smoke the meat. Grandpa never let me go in there, but I do remember standing at the door one time watching him cut some meat off of a ham.

Behind and to the side of the barn was the chicken yard and coop. Grandma went out every day or so and fed the chickens, but that's one thing I think I only tried once. I was too afraid the chickens were going to peck at my bare feet instead of the corn, so I just left that chore to Grandma. I did go collect the eggs for her, though, as long as I ran the chickens out of the coop first! Grandma would just reach under a hen and get the eggs, but not me! Those hens were used to grandma, but they didn't know me, and I just knew I'd get pecked if I stuck my little hand under there to take their eggs! Also in the chicken coop was a pile of dried corn that Grandpa used to shuck for chicken feed. I always wanted to help, but he was afraid I would rub my hands raw on that dried corn, so he put one of his gloves on my right hand to protect it. Of course the glove went half way up my arm, but I didn't' get any blisters or rub my hand raw!

Also in the backyard, next to the barn, was Uncle Jesse's "house". Mama calls it a "shed" but it seemed bigger than that to me. As far as I can remember, Uncle Jesse was a kind old man, but I just didn't know him too well. He always wore black and made tombstones for the cemetery so the younguns' always thought he was a bit scary. One day when I knew he wasn't at home I opened his door and peeked in just to see if there really was anything "scary" in there. There wasn't, of course – just a bed, a chiffarobe for his clothes, and I think a chest with his shaving stuff on it, and a mirror. There might have been some other furniture – I just don't remember what it was.

There were two other items at Grandma's that I'll never forget. The first is the big iron pot in the backyard where Grandma did the family wash. A fire was built under the pot, and Grandma used a long wooden paddle to push the clothes around and a washboard to scrub them on. My grandma wasn't a very big woman but she was a hardy one! Mama says they used to make their own soap in that pot. I don't remember ever seeing her make soap, but I do remember washing with homemade soap. On Saturday nights, we had a big round washtub set in front of the heater in the living room, and that's where I took my weekly bath and hair washing. The rest of the week I just took a "sponge" bath to wipe off most of the dust and dirt from the day. The other item at grandma's that I'll never forget was the outhouse! I would almost get sick every time I had to go in there, but go I did, just like the rest of the family! I can't remember if it had one hole or two, but I do remember we had real toilet paper hanging from a wire made from a coat hanger. I don't know which was worse to me – the smell or the flies – both of which insured that one would get in, do your business and get out as fast as possible!

My cousin Betty Lynn was with me most of the time I spent at Grandma's. I don't remember exactly what games we played or how we passed the long days, but we did do a lot of running, playing tag or just chasing each other for the fun of it. We also had to keep out of the way of our older cousins, Jack Davis, Jimmy Deans and Frank Lamm. The boys were all much older and bigger than us girls, and always had a frog or lizard or some other "creepy crawley" thing to chase us with and put down our backs. We were in a constant state of watchfulness, especially going out the door, being sure to pick up our speed just in case they were

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*(**Henry Blount**. Continued from page 7)*
waiting just off the porch. Grandpa, sitting in his chair with his flyswatter, was always ready to holler at us, "You younguns quit runnin' in and out! You're lettin' in the flies! And quit slammin that door!" Although I don't remember him ever threatening to swat us with the flyswatter, he may have. He did threaten to put us in the bedroom if we did it one more time. Quietly, we'd walk out the back door being careful not to slam the screen door but it wasn't long before we'd forget Grandpa's warning and come running back in again. Sure enough he'd make us go into that little bedroom off of his room – the one with the hook latch on the screen. We'd sit in there for just a little while to make sure he wasn't coming in to check on us then we'd open that latch and crawl out the window and start our games all over again! We weren't big enough – or smart enough – to crawl back through that window to get back in the house, so it wasn't long before we'd be running back in through the kitchen, lettin' in the flies and the screen door slam. Grandpa would holler at us again, and we'd stay just out of reach of that flyswatter. He never did swat us, and I don't think he ever really would – but we weren't completely confident so we just stayed out of his way! I never remember getting a spanking of any kind from either Grandma or Grandpa. They were both very gentle, very loving and both must have had the patience of Job to get through a summer of younguns running in and out, lettin' in the flies and slamming the back door!

One Christmas my family went to Grandma's house for the Holidays. I was about 6 or 7, I think. I know I was really worried because there wasn't a Christmas tree in the house and even though I had been assured that Santa would find us, I was sure he wouldn't leave any presents if there wasn't a tree for him to put them under. Apparently my fears made sense to someone because I believe it was my Uncle Earl that went out and got a sad looking little pine tree and brought it home. Grandma gave me a roll of aluminum foil, and I happily made ornaments and icicles for the tree. Santa did indeed find his way to Grandma's house that night, but I'm sure he wouldn't have if it hadn't been for that tree. And speaking of Christmas, not one went by without a Christmas card from Grandma with two $1.00 bills in it. One card for me and one for my sister; and I'm sure that each of her grandchildren will have this same memory. As we grew older, we realized what a truly wonderful gift this was because we knew what it took for her to save that money for us.

When Grandpa died I didn't get to go to his funeral because I was in school but they told me he died peacefully – said he raised up off the pillow and said he thought he felt like he might go to church that Sunday, then laid back down and died. That was September 26, 1956, and he was 76 years old.

Grandma went to live in Goldsboro after Grandpa passed. Aunt Katie and Uncle Bob got her a little house close to the grocery store they owned. She lived there as long as she could take care of herself then she moved into Aunt Katie's house. After she had a stroke, she had to be moved to a nursing home, and that's the last place I saw her. My son and I visited with her one day in 1971 not long before she passed. I remember she was still wearing her apron and was in her usual good humor. She laughed and joked and seemed perfectly happy but said she still missed Cordie. I remember when mama told me grandma was back in the hospital, and Aunt Katie was hopping mad at the doctor. He apparently was going to be away for a couple of weeks and said he hoped she was gone by the time he got back. Aunt Katie and mama were both in an uproar at his seeming lack of compassion, but I saw it differently – I saw it as the most compassionate thing he could have said. The doctors didn't know what else to do for her. No one could really say what care or medications were beneficial at this point in her life, and she had asked the doctors to let her go. As I saw it, Grandma had had a long and happy life with her husband and children. She had lived long enough to see her children grown, her grandchildren grown and her first great grandchild up to the age of 9. She had endured many painful ailments of the aged with patience and grace and had missed her husband for 15 long years. It was her request that no drastic measures be taken to save her life.

And so it was on December 22, 1973, just one month from her 85th birthday, Grandma closed her eyes in this life and went to meet her Lord and see her Cordie again. As much as I missed having her here, I would not have wished her to suffer one more day on this earth.

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Joshua and Luke White, sons of John White and wife Ann of Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

From the Hugh Johnston files.

In the Edgecombe County Census of 1790, Joshua White appeared with himself, one female, and one slave (p. 57).

On December 29, 1795, Joshua White, Planter, of Edgecombe County, sold William White for £125 in specie money 128 acres south of Hominy Swamp adjoining John White, said William White, Cornelius Jordan, Jr., and David Godwin (from a grant to Daniel White on October 28, 1782), witnessed by Thomas Morris and John Morris, Sr. (Deed Book 8, p. 438). On September 13, 1798, Joshua White of Edgecombe County sold William White for £150 in specie money 145 acres south of Hominy Swamp on William Bond's old corner and bounded by Stephen Cobb, Cornelius Jordan, Jr., and John White (granted to Samuel Yates in 1782), witnessed by Robert Coleman and Shadrach (S) Collins (Deed Book 9, p. 269).

Joshua White appears to have moved away from Edgecombe County about this time.

Luke White, son of John White and wife Ann of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, married Mary Mewborn, widow of Thomas Mewborn.

On June 24, 1790, Sheriff Theophilus Thomas, William Morriss, Benjamin Simms, Joseph Hale, John Walton, Benjamin Farmer, Daniel Wood, Dempsey Barnes, John Deloach, Joseph Daniel, Nicholas Dixon, Isaac Farmer, and Joseph Barnes laid off the dower of Luke and Mary White, 100 acres of her late husband Thomas Mewborn's land at the mouth of Criss's Branch adjoining Britton Barnes, David Godwin, and Hominy Swamp, "with the plantation where the sd. Mary White now dwells during her natural life" (Deed Book 5, p. 392).

In the Edgecombe County Census of 1790, Luke White appeared with one male over sixteen years, three males under six-

A Roster of Company B, Wilson County Rifles as compiled by R. F. Barnes. The full document takes over 30 pages so will be listed in Trees in sections over the coming months. **This is Part 6.**

Roe William 1/21/186222 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; deserted and surrendered to enemy 2/23/65; took oath in D.C. and was provided transportation to Philadelphia
Rose Haywood 5/27/186121 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #266, age 22, at residence of Larry & Sallie Lamm)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/62; captured Farmville 4/6/65; imprisoned at Point Lookout; took oath 6/17/65
Rose William T. 5/28/186118 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private: wounded at Sharpsburg 9/17/62; wounded at Hagerstown 7/63; furloughed from hospital 1/26/65
Rountree Thaddeus 5/27/186128 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #387 Thad, age 24)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; discharged in Wilson 4/14/63 due to phtihisis pumonaus and died 5/63
Scott Arnold B. 7/9/1861 18 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #230, age 17)
Military Service Record Garysburg *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died at Camp Holmes 8/1/61 Andrew & Dicey Scott (1860 Census #230)
Sherill J.. ??; Not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; in hospital in Richmond 2/25/65 where captured 4/3/65; to provost 4/14/65
Simpson Benjamin Griffin 4/29/186222 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1135, age 22)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63; captured at Wincester 9/19/64; imprisoned at Point Lookout until paroled & exchanged 3/15/65; paroled at Goldsboro 5/9/65 Benjamin & Clary Simpson, 1860 #1135
Skinner Jesse L. 4/29/186226 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #762, age 22)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private then Corporal; captured at Kelly's Ford 11/7/63; imprisoned at Point Lookout until paroled & exchanged 2/24/65; captured in hospital at Richmond 4/3/65 and transferred to Newport News 4/24/65; no further info ?William & Rebecca, 1860 #762
Skinner Van Buren 5/7/1862 Wilson Co. (1860 Census Vanburen, age 16)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in hospital at Staunton, Va. of carditis 11/9/62 William & Rebecca, 1860 #762
Stith L.A. 9/2/1861 Wilson Co.
Military Service Record appointed *Parents and/or Spouse*
Assistant Surgeon of the Regiment; resigned 7/31/62; not formally assigned to Co. B but Regimental Surgeon.
Stokes William I do not believe this man to have been a member of Company B at any time in the War. He was captured on a date and at a place where Co. B. did not lose any men to capture and there is question as to the validity of his name.
Military Service Record
Private: captured at Gettysburg 7/3/63; imprisoned at Fort Delaware and then Point Lookout "prisoner who arrived at this station under assumed name, or who assumed one for the purpose of being transferred, exchanged or released" ??? No further record.
Stott Addison 5/28/186122 Wilson Co.(1860 Census#1031 Adison age 21)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in camp at Stafford Co., Va of typhoid fever 8/4/61 Alsey & Mary Stott (1860 #1031)
Stott Wiley 6/24/186318 Wilson Co.(?1860 Census #1031 Willie age 18)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; sick at time of enlistment; wounded and in hospital at Lynchburg, Va 10/64, present at Appomattox 4/9/65 ?Alsey & Mary Stott (1860 #1031)
Stotts Bunyan 2/27/1864 Wilson Co. 1861 (1860 Census #1031, age 16)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; present at Appomattox 4/9/65 Alsey & Mary Stott (1860 #1031)
Strickland Andrew J.. 11/19/186317 Nash Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Richmond* *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; killed at Spotsylvania 5/12/64
Strickland Berry 5/27/186120 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63; captured at Harper's Farm 4/6/65; imprisoned at Point Lookout; took oath 6/20/65
Strickland Wesley 5/27/186125 Wilson Co. in 1861; born in Nash Co.
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Sharpsburg 9/17/62; returned to duty; admitted to hospital 6/16/64 and returned to Invalid Corp; died in hospital in Richmond of debiltas 3/25/65
Tatum Henry or Harry 1/1/1864 Wilson Co. in 1863
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured at Winchester 9/19/64; imprisoned at Fort McHenry & Point Lookout for exchange 2/20/65
Taylor A.H. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled at Farmville, Va 4/11-21/65
Taylor Frederick 4/29/186238 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #1145, age 30)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in hospital at Richmond 8/62 (? wife: Sallie, 1860 Cenus #1145)
Taylor Jesse M. 5/27/186119 Wilson Co.(?1860 Census #1033, age 19)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
1st Sergeant then Private; transferred to Co. H 7th Regiment 12/9/63 ?David & Lucinda Taylor, 1860 #1033)

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Taylor William H. 5/27/186122 Wilson Co.(?1860 Census #239 age 22 or #562 age 21)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; in hospital 12/20/64 to the end of the War with lumbago; at Lynchburg 4/9/65; at Charlottesville 4/12/65
Thompson J..G. ??; not in 1860 Wilson Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled at Salisbury 5/27/65
Thompson Raiford 5/7/1862 18 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #1016, age 15)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded and captured at Sharpsburg 9/17/62; paroled 9/27/62 and died of wound 10/10/62 ?Mother Charlotte Thompson
Thorn Martin Ramsey (?1860 Census #671 Martin V. age 23 or #1110 Martin T. or neither as this person's residence at enlisted is not present)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; transferred from Co. D; captured and paroled at Leesburg 10/2/1862; sick at Culpeper Court House 10/62; died near Lovelleville, Va 10/62
Thornell or Thornwell Martin V. 5/27/186124 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured at Spotsylvania Court House 5/8/64; imprisoned at Point Lookout; took oath 6/6/65
Todd Elbert 5/27/186122 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #609, age 20)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private then Corporal then Sergeant; wounded 5/64; present at Appomattox 4/9/65
Todd Wiley J. 5/29/1861 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #732, age 19)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; killed at Chancellorsville 5/3/63 ?James & Susan Todd, 1860 #732
Todd Wilson 5/7/1862 26 (?)Wilson Co. (1860 Census #703, age 28)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63; returned to company 9/12/63; reported as absent and wounded in hospital in Wilson 5/64; no further record (?wife Penelope, 1860 #703)
Trevathan Mathew G. 6/20/186233 Wilson Co. in 1862
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63; captured at Wincester 9/19/64; imprisoned at Point Lookout until paroled & exchanged 2/17/65
Trevathan Sanders M.5/5/1862 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #573, age 29)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Cedar Creek and sent to hospital; furloughed at end of War 3/1/65 (wife Esther A. Trevathan, 1860 #573)
VimmelJ.. Wilson Co.
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled at Goldsboro in 1865
Watson DeWitt 5/27/186122 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private then Corporal then Sergeant; killed at Spotsylvania 5/19/64
Watson E. Wilson Co.
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled at Goldsboro in 1865
Wearet W.A. ??; Not in Wilson 1860 Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled at Salisbury 5/15/65
WellsJ. ??; Not in Wilson 1860 Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; in hospital in Richmond in 2/25/65
WellsJesse L 5/29/186118 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in hospital at Lynchburg of variola 1/29/63
WellsJohn G. 5/27/186119 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Charlestown 8/64; wounded at Cedar Creek 10/19/64; present at Appomattox 4/9/65
WellsWatson 5/29/186129 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Sharpsburg 9/17/62; died at Mount Jackson, Va. 10/5/62
Whitty H. ??; Not in Wilson 1860 Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; paroled at Greensboro 5/13/65
Wiggs Ballard ??; Not in Wilson 1860 Census
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; transferred from Co. H, 7th Cavalry 12/15/63; transferred to Co. H. of the Regiment 4/64
Williams Orren 5/16/1861 Wilson Co in 1861
Military Service Record **appointed** *Parents and/or Spouse*
2nd Lieutenant; transferred to Co. G 9/10/61
Willliamson Joseph D. 5/28/186118 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #325, age 17, at residence of William & Catherine R. Hinnant)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in Camp Holmes at Fredericksburg of typhoid fever 8/8/61

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January 22nd Meeting Minutes of WCGS.

The January meeting of the WCGS was held at the Wilson County Public Library on the 22nd with Mary Ann Sheak presiding in the absence of our president who was cruising the sunny seas.

Margaret Stillwell was recognized as a new member and showed an article that was recently published in the local paper on the Joyner family. The writer was asking for help in researching the various families connected to the Joyners, and Margaret agreed that she would be delighted to assist.

The WCGS calendars were available, and it was noted that all members who have paid dues by the first of February receive a free one with the remaining ones being for sale. There were numerous positive comments on the calendars. At this time, we have 167 paid members and 40 non renewals.

Sarah Kirby and Frances Roberson, with the help of the committee for Wilson's founding families, are trying to begin organizing the existing materials and hope to add to the slowly accumulating information needed for the book. Carol Forbes, Sue Powell, Dick Roundtree and Joan Howell, our library committee, will be meeting and working towards our goals in the renovation of the new library.

Mark Whitley's work on the 1900 census for Wilson County is proving to be most helpful to local families and has had many responses, especially in the Black Creek area. It seems to have spurred a great deal of new interest in genealogy this winter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the last issue of Trees.

In Henry's absence, Mary Ann read his treasurer's report which showed expenditures of $1,911.00 and receipts of $2,293.45 with a balance of $8,474.48.

Patrick Valentine and Debbie Webb, from our library staff, met with us, and Patrick showed the proposed plans for the library expansion. Hopefully, the plans can be finalized in a few months with possible construction to begin in the fall of this year. There is still much to be done on the plans, but they asked for ideas from us and thought it a good idea if other libraries were visited. He gave us the possible dimensions for the area which will have the North Carolina Collection, Civil War books, and hopefully will meet our needs. He gave us some suggestions of things to be inside the room, ie readers, cabinets, copiers and etc. Most of us had questions, and Patrick and Debbie were helpful with their answers.

We adjourned to the upper floor of the library for a chance to see the actual size of our "new" location, and of course we had lots more conversation while on site!!!!

It was an informative meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Roberson.
Secretary

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We no longer list new members in *Trees*. Mailing and E-mail addresses seem to find their way into commercial promotional lists, and *Trees* is distributed to a number of locations from which names could be obtained.

A list of members, addresses, and surnames of interest is mailed to individual members each year

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To become a member of the list, visit our web site at http://www.wcgs.org
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Events

Our Scottish Heritage, Symposium, March 22-24, St. Andrews College, Laurinburg NC. $60 Tel. 910-277-5236, bagpipe@sapc.edu, deadline March 18.

GRANDMA'S GENEALOGY
by Virginia R. Kennedy

Remember, as a little child,
You sat on Grandma's knee
And listened while she told you tales
About the family.

She told about the folks she knew
And those she'd heard about.
So many names, she mentioned,
It was hard to sort them out.

You got them pictured, one by one;
You had their names to guide you,
And now you'd give a million
Just to have them here beside you.

Grandma isn't here today;
She gave up on life's game.
Oh! How you wish she'd left a list
Of each and every name.

Dear Friends, pray sit thee down today
And *write* your family tree.
Make notes of those you know today
And those of memory.

Remember, there may come a day
YOUR grandchild on YOUR knee
Will look up at you longingly
And say, "Grandma, who are we?"

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President's Message

Hello,

When you have read the meeting plans in the adjacent column, you will probably have questions in your mind as to how you might be helpful. Everyone is not a writer; however, most people have information to share, and that is what we are looking for.

When you come to the meeting, bring along some of your family files. We are looking for fairly short, concise entries that give enough details on a given family so that a "newbie" will get helpful hints on where to look. There is an example on our web site, or call us and we'll mail you one if there is time before the meeting (243-1660). Carol Forbes takes the phone calls, so she can explain further what might be helpful as she has attended several committee meetings and knows how it all works.

The Wilson Bicentennial Committee prepared a wonderful book on the history of Wilson County and its families. They printed a set number of copies and that was that. The materials included were whatever had been sent in and obviously omits numerous families. We want to remedy this by producing a comprehensive document that will provide useful information for many years to come. Only you can help us to achieve this goal.

We must acknowledge at this point the superb work already sent in by members. Clement Lucas could probably write the book by himself but keeps us well supplied with lots of new information. Lisa Henderson is breaking fresh ground with her listings of freed slaves who established families in 1866 when they recorded their marriages and adopted surnames for the first time. Monk Moore has come up with his usual insightful views, and Mark Whitley keeps our internet discussion group hopping. Henry and I do a new Family Connections column each month on another family. We need your help too!

Sue Powell

March 26th Meeting

The March meeting will offer an opportunity for members to get involved in one of our big projects. This is the Wilson County Founding Families publication, scheduled to be published by 2005 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Wilson County in 1855.

This project was begun two years ago with the appointing of a committee to lay out the scope of the book and to define who the founding families actually were. Since that time, the committee, consisting of Monk Moore, Mark Whitley, Sue Powell and Henry Powell, has completed a list of some 360 families who met the criteria of being here as a family unit in two of the censuses of 1850, 1860, and 1870 or 1870 and 1880 for blacks. Many have persevered, a few have disappeared, but all had their contribution to the fabric of our county. This list may be viewed on our web site at www.wcgs.org.

The committee had previously invited submissions for this book and has received dozens. Each has been entered into the draft text, but there is a long way to go. Therefore, the WCGS Board has designated the March meeting as a workshop for members to review and create further entries. We'll have materials there and will welcome whatever you wish to offer.

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THE FLOWERS BROTHERS, THE CONFEDERATE SULLIVANS

Submitted by Richard F. Barnes, Raleigh, NC

Those who lived during World War II will remember well the story of the Sullivan brothers; five young men who enlisted in the United States Navy and were all assigned to the same ship. They were all killed when their ship was sunk in battle in 1942. It was a great tragedy that made news around the world, sparked a move by the military to prevent the assignment of multiple members of the same family to the same ship or unit. The recent motion picture "Saving Private Ryan" played on this theme, of three brothers, all killed around the same time and the mission to save the surviving Ryan brother fighting in Normandy. These are stories of how a nation honors its war dead and the sacrifices ordinary families make for their country.

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John Julius Thorne and Wesley Barnes Doles, Sr.

(From the 1940 Barnes Family Pedigree Letter written by J. J. Thorne to Wesley Doles, Sr.)

Submitted by Albert R. Page, Sr., Salt Lake City, Utah

Sixty-two years after J. J. Thorne wrote his informative Burrell Barnes family kinship letter to Wesley Barnes Doles, Sr. in 1940, the letter motivates a considerable amount of appreciated interest for the preservation of such valuable genealogical information.[1] Especially is this so to all who can in any way trace kinship to the families mentioned by Mr. Thorne. "Tuly," as his family and friends referred to him, recounted with the help of his late parents and cousin (Wm. Martin

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Family Connections
Wilson Daily Times February 19, 2002

Our local Sharpe family

I would like to know something about my Wilson County Sharpe family. WDS, Monroe, NC

Here is yet another very old English family that made a transition to America in its beginning days. Old records show use of the name Sharp all over Britain in various forms, with and without the final "e" from about 1100 AD which is about the earliest known use of surnames. The derivation seems obvious, being given to a person who is bright and quick, which is the original meaning of the old English word "scearpa." However, it should be noted that there is a cultural slant to the name in Britain that is unknown in America. The term "sharp" is sometimes used to describe a merchant that does not deal entirely honestly with his customers, as in "you want to avoid buying from Mr. Brown, the grocer, as he is a sharp trader." Fortunately, this usage has not migrated to America, as far as we know.

The lineage of our questioner is not entirely clear as there are records missing from the early years in America. However, there is enough information to piece together a probable line, subject to confirmation. Our story begins in the rocky moors of West Yorkshire in the town of Halifax, near Leeds and Wakefield in north-central England. We described a Whitley family of Wakefield in a column several years ago who had been weavers of woolen fabric from wool harvested from the numerous sheep of the area. A sudden change in foreign competition had forced the decline of the weaving industry in West Yorkshire by 1600, and many residents had taken occupations in other areas, in a series of events not unlike our current situation in central North Carolina.

Young William Sharpe, born about 1580 in Halifax, became a professional soldier, probably in the forces of Queen Elizabeth I who died in 1603. Those were turbulent times, filled with persecution and revolt, but William lasted into the reign of King James I and retired in London with a pension and some money put aside. He invested £25 (several thousand dollars in today's money) in the Jamestowne venture and later decided to take advantage of his right as an investor to claim land in Virginia. In May 1620, he sailed for Virginia aboard the "Star" and his wife, Elizabeth, sailed in August of the same year aboard the "Bonaventure." Arriving in Jamestowne, William took his property as 40 acres of land in Charles City, just to the north of Jamestowne on the James River. William and Elizabeth may have been followers of the Puritan movement as many immigrants to Virginia at that time came seeking freedom to worship as they pleased.

By 1624, the family was settled in. They escaped harm in the Indian massacre of 1622, probably because of their proximity to Jamestown which got advance warning of the attack. In that year, The Crown abolished the Virginia Company and took over the colony, ordering a survey of inhabitants. William and Elizabeth then had two children, Isaac (age 2) and Samuel (2 months). There were two "servants," men who lived and worked with him, and an abundant supply of food and armament for protection. William was dead by 1635 of unknown causes. Elizabeth married again, twice, using William's rights as an investor to claim a parcel of land in Henrico County (near Richmond). Isaac settled on this land, but Samuel moved away, possibly to the Northern Neck along the Rappahannock River.

The main source of information for these details is a book entitled "Adventures of Purse and Person," a chronicle of the first settlers in Virginia. There are hundreds of pages which list the thousands of arri-

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CALVIN WOODARD OBITUARY

Zion's Landmark, September 15, 1887

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Obituary

Calvin Woodard

My father-in-law brother Calvin Woodard, died at his home, six miles east of Wilson, N. C., August 20th. 1887. He was born near the same place November 3d, 1827. His parents, William and Elizabeth Woodard, were Primitive Baptists, and remarkable for their extraordinary christian virtues. He received a hope in Christ about 1860, and united with the Primitive Baptist Church at White Oak, in Wilson county, N. C., May 25th 1870.

He was, soon after baptism, made deacon and clerk of his church, and has, the most of the time since, served in that double capacity, as well as being treasurer a part of the time. His occupation was that of a farmer. He was a most industrious, humble, truthful, honest, temperate, moral, self-controlled, fearless, gentle, kind and self-denying man, a live and zealous church-member, a living epistle of Christ, known and read of all men, adorning the doctrine of God his Savior in all things. He was ready at all times to engage in any kind of useful labor. People outside, as well as inside the church, had the greatest confidence in him. He was a most earnest opponent of the use of alcoholic drinks. I have been astonished at the control which grace had given him of his spirit in the sorest trials. He feared God, and had nothing else to fear. He tenderly sympathized with and generously ministered of his worldly substance to the needy and afflicted, making his home the house of many destitute and suffering ones, and taking care of his aged pastor the last four and a half years of his own life. His bible and his church, the preaching of the word, the singing of spiritual songs, the company of his brethren, and the name and cause of Christ, were exceedingly precious to him. I think that I have never seen in any other person such burning zeal for the purity of the church of Christ. In this respect he continually reminded me of his eminent namesake, John Calvin. I esteem it a rich and rare privilege to have been intimately acquainted with such a man. Such a christian life is an unanswerable refutation of all the infidelity in the world; and in the solemn contemplation of such true nobility every selfish and sordid spirit should stand abashed.

I was blessed to spend the last two months of his life at his house during my summer vacation. I can never forget those happy, golden days. We were together a great deal of the time, at his home, and on the road, and at church meetings, where we went twice a week. His conversation breathed the spirit of heaven. We sang spiritual songs repeatedly together, especially, over and over again, those two beautiful and appropriate hymns,

"An alien from God, and a stranger to grace,"

and

"Lord, before we leave thy temple."

Little did I suppose that "the days of my" dear father's and brother's "exile" from the home of the redeemed had so nearly "passed away," and he would so soon be called from the scenes of earth to "dwell forever in the presence of his Savior," to "reign in glory, praising God with all his heart," "exploring the depths of the Divine love," and "in an eternal Sabbath, adoring" his Divine Redeemer. While I was attending the Country Line Association, near Ruffin, N. C., he was bitten by a very poisonous spider on Friday, Aug. 19th, and died the next day, about thirty hours afterwards, being in dreadful pains about half an hour, and then unconscious to the end. He could not be induced to take a stimulant in time to do him any good. The appointed period of his departure had come. On August 21st his remains were buried in the town cemetery of Wilson, in the presence of a large gathering of people. He leaves a widow and six children, who, while feeling that their loss is irreparable, are assured that he is at rest. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev. xiv., 13.

Sylvester Hassell.

Wilson, N. C., August 31, 1887.

*(**Sharpe**, Continued from page 26)*

vals until 1624. A few families are singled out for special mention. William Sharp and his family are accorded three pages all to themselves, a rarity among Wilson families.

It is from this point that the lineage is not clear. Both Isaac and Samuel had sons, and one or more grandsons named Thomas. We're not sure which Thomas, but one of these landed in Edgecombe County by the time it was formed in the 1730s.

This Thomas, or one of his sons, had at least two sons, Abraham and Thomas, who are the founders of the large Sharpe population of north-eastern Wilson County (formerly lower Edgecombe County).

The lineage for our inquirer comes from Abraham (1783-1831) through his son, Benjamin (1807-1870) to his son Isaac (1846-?) to his son Moses Gilbert (1876-?) grandfather to WDS.

The lineage from Abraham's brother, Thomas, continues to David (1832-?) to his son John Thomas (1856-1907) and on into a multitude of individuals with this surname. These can all be traced through the Wilson County Census books (1860-1900) available for reference in the genealogy room at the Public Library.

Perhaps the most important aspect of this lineage is the enormous number of family connections made through marriages within this Sharpe family. WDS is related to approximately 1/3 or more of the present population of Wilson County. A computer survey of kinships produced a report, single-spaced, of 185 pages of relatives, including the writers of this column (6th cousin to each) and almost every Barnes, Bass, Batts, Blake, Boyette, Boykin, Farmer, Woodard, Peele, Ellis, Driver, Thomas, Bridgers, Whitley, and Gardner in Wilson County (This list is not complete. There are many more).

The focal point for the history of this family appears to be the Gardners School area. We recently had a telephone call from a resident of that area who had found an abandoned Sharpe cemetery back in the woods. We plan to visit the site soon and will report later on what we found.

Henry & Sue Powell

James Bullock Woodard Cemetery

This is a rendering of the James Bullock Woodard house which was demolished some years ago, having gone derelict. Mrs. Hugh Johnston has the corner cupboard that was built in the house, as Hugh descended from Mary Jane Woodard and William Howell Thomas.

WCGS member, Thomas Stott (above) of Tartts Mill Road recently invited us to visit his farm to see the cemetery of James Bullock Woodard (1793-1863) which he has completely cleared of undergrowth.

The Woodard farm has passed down to Tommy through his family. The land was originally part of the massive land grant in ca 1739 of some 20,000 acres to a Lewis Conner of Norfolk County. It passed later into the hands of the Tartt family who moved away in the 1800s and sold part of it to Woodard when they left for Alabama.

This Woodard family began in America with Francis Woodard (1637-1679) of Lower Norfolk County to his son Henry Woodard (1659-1734) to his son John Woodard (1679-1734) who came to Bath County, North Carolina, to his son John Woodard, Jr. (1695-1765) who settled in Edgecombe County to his son Elisha Woodard (1724-1798) to his son David Woodard (1771-1799). James Bullock, his son, was orphaned while a young child and was raised by Quaker foster parents. He married three times: (1) Nancy Daniel in 1822, (2) Sarah Howell Peelle in 1827, and (3) Sarah Baker King in 1841. He left five children, all by Sarah Peelle: Gray Wilson Woodard (1827), John Bunyan Woodard (1832), Margaret Peelle Woodard (1835), George Washington Woodard (1837) and Mary Jane Woodard (1837). Mary Jane married William Howell Thomas in 1865 and is buried in the cemetery shown above, along with other Thomas relatives and numerous graves that have not been identified. James Bullock Woodard's grave site was not located but is known to be in this cemetery. There are some old wooden marker stubs, completely unreadable.

James Bullock Woodard kept a separate family in Stantonsburg and fathered five children between 1844 and 1851. Marriage licenses for these offspring list Woodard as their father although they kept the surname of their mother, Eliza Hall who was a free woman of color.

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Children born to this union were William Henry Hall b 10 February 1844, Patrick Hall b. 6 October 1845, Margaretann Hall, b.12 February 1847, Loueser Hall b. 9 April 1849, Balaam Hall b. 7 February 1851.

William Howell Thomas (1818-1898) and wife Mary Jane Woodard (1837-1905). They are both buried in the J. B. Woodard cemetery.

JAMES SIMMS WOODARD OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, May 7, 1912
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Elder James S. Woodard Dead

Elder James S. Woodard, a prominent Primitive Baptist minister, lawyer, ex-member of the legislature, soldier, and distinguished citizen died this morning at his home near Wilson in his 80th year. His remains were brought to Wilson today and the burial will occur in Maplewood cemetery Sunday morning at 10 o'clock following the funeral services by Elder P. D. Gold.

Elder Woodard was easily one of the counties [sic.] most foremost citizens. In his early days he was active and interested in all that pertained to its welfare, filling the positions of legislator, lawyer, counselor, and minister of the gospel and a leading planter.

He was popular with every one, a man of courage and strict integrity a soldier of valor who followed the fortunes of Lee and Jackson, raising and commanding a company of Wilson county soldiers, which was a part of the 43d regiment, served through the war and at its close returned to assist in the rehabilitation of a stricken country.

Later he gave up his law practice, entered the ministry and when his beloved wife died, he removed from Wilson, residing where Mr. Geo. Hackney now lives back to the old homestead where he was born and raised, and for the rest of his career was content to give his attention to farming and cry aloud for his Saviour, whom he served so faithfully and well.

Mr. Woodard and Dr. Tom Person were school mates in 1848 when they attended the school at Stantonsburg taught by Prof. John R. Robinson father of Col. W. S. O. B. Robinson of Goldsboro.

Mr. Woodard finished his education at Hamilton College, New York and boarded with the father of Mr. Elihu Root, prominent in the affairs of the nation.

Returning from College he practiced law and at the opening of the war raised a company of soldiers.

After the war he returned home and again engaged in the practice of law, serving the county as legislator and in other capacities. Later he gave up a lucrative practice to enter the ministry. Was ordained in 1872 and for 40 years has been a valiant soldier of the Cross and a prominent minister of the Primitive Baptist church.

The funeral will occur Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Primitive Baptist church, and will be conducted by Elder P. D. Gold.

Elder Woodard was one of four brothers, Calvin, Wm. And Warren, all members of the Primitive Baptist church and stalwart men in the affairs of the country. They have all been gathered to their fathers, but the record of their lives and the splindid [sic.] influence they exerted is still left with us.

The deceased left four children as follows. Mrs. T. B. Suggs, Mrs. J. R. Uzzell, Miss Lizzie Woodard and Mr. James Woodard, Jr.

His children have the blessed assurance that he has entered into a blissful rest.

[Editor's note: Typed as originally printed.]

THE WOODARD BROTHERS

James Simms Woodard, Calvin Woodard (see page 27), and William Woodard (see page 30) of this issue were children of William and Elizabeth Simms Woodard. William, son of David and Elizabeth Bullock Woodard, was the brother of James Bullock Woodard (see page 28 of this issue). Other children of William and Elizabeth Simms Woodard were Warren, Patience, and Jesse Barnes Woodard.

James S. Woodard, b. 22 Feb 1833, d. 03 May 1912, married Penelope Woodard, b. 1832, daughter of Stephen and Mary Simms Woodard of the Black Creek area.

Calvin Woodard married Winnifred Exum, b. 1827, d.1896.

Warren Woodard, b.1826, d. 1903, married Jerusha Farmer, b. 1838, d. 1910.

William Woodard, Jr., b. 1830, d. 1910, married Delphia Rountree, b. 1828, died 1892, daughter of Wiley and Martha Dew Rountree.

Patience Woodard, b. 1836, married Moses Farmer, Jr., son of Moses and Elizabeth Dew Farmer.

Jesse Woodard was born in 1838. Our files do not contain any further information on him.

[Editor's note: Most of this information came from *History of Wilson County, North Carolina.*]

Joshua and Luke White, sons of John White and wife Ann of Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

From the Hugh Johnston files.

In the Edgecombe County Census of 1790, Joshua White appeared with himself, one female, and one slave (p. 57).

On December 29, 1795, Joshua White, Planter, of Edgecombe County, sold William White for £125 in specie money 128 acres south of Hominy Swamp adjoining John White, said William White, Cornelius Jordan, Jr., and David Godwin (from a grant to Daniel White on October 28, 1782), witnessed by Thomas Morris and John Morris, Sr. (Deed Book 8, p. 438). On September 13, 1798, Joshua White of Edgecombe County sold William White for £150 in specie money 145 acres south of Hominy Swamp on William Bond's old corner and bounded by Stephen Cobb, Cornelius Jordan, Jr., and John White (granted to Samuel Yates in 1782), witnessed by Robert Coleman and Shadrach (S) Collins (Deed Book 9, p. 269).

Joshua White appears to have moved away from Edgecombe County about this time.

Luke White, son of John White and wife Ann of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, married Mary Mewborn, widow of Thomas Mewborn.

On June 24, 1790, Sheriff Theophilus Thomas, William Morriss, Benjamin Simms, Joseph Hale, John Walton, Benjamin Farmer, Daniel Wood, Dempsey Barnes, John Deloach, Joseph Daniel, Nicholas Dixon, Isaac Farmer, and Joseph Barnes laid off the dower of Luke and Mary White, 100 acres of her late husband Thomas Mewborn's land at the mouth of Criss's Branch adjoining Britton Barnes, David Godwin, and Hominy Swamp, "with the plantation where the sd. Mary White now dwells during her natural life" (Deed Book 5, p. 392).

In the Edgecombe County Census of 1790, Luke White appeared with one male over sixteen years, three males under sixteen, and two females (p.57).

[Editor: reprinted from the February 2002 issue as the last line was omitted by accident]

(**Flowers**, continued from page 25)
I believe that Wilson County should be justifiably proud that it produced its own set of Sullivan brothers, although in this case they are called Flowers.

An article in the May 1997 issue of the Tree of Wilson piqued my interest because it mentioned a family with five sons who were members of Co. B, 2nd North Carolina Infantry, the "Wilson Rifles". I have been doing research on this company for years since I had two ancestors who served in the company. I remembered that the company contained a disproportionate number of Flowers.

Hardy and Sarah (Sallie or Sally) Batts Flowers resided in Edgecombe County in the 1850's but are listed in the Wilson County 1860 Census. They are listed with 10 children, eight boys and two girls as entry #600 in Joyners District. Five sons joined the Confederate Army: William Hardy (born 1833, the eldest), Duncan Lamon (born 1838), Jacob Henry (born 1840) and James Edwin (born 1844) all enlisted May 27, 1861, in Wilson. Wiley Gray (born 1842) enlisted January 20, 1862. All were part of Company B., but by the time Wiley Gray Flowers reported to camp, he and his family had lost one loved one.

Private Duncan Lamon Flowers died October 23, 1861, in the hospital at Fredericksburg, Virginia, of typhoid. The next year, Private Jacob Henry Flowers was killed (missing in action), and Private James Edward Flowers was mortally wounded in the Bloody Lane at Sharpsburg, Maryland (also known as the Battle of Antietam), September 17, 1862. James would die in hospital at Harrisonburg, Virginia on October 4, 1862. Private Willie Gray Flowers was killed May 3, 1863, at the Battle of Chancellorsville. The following year, Private William Hardy Flowers was killed on May 12, 1864, in the Mule Shoe at Spotsylvania Court House. All five were dead in less than three years.

It is difficult for any of us to imagine the grief felt by Hardy and Sarah Flowers over the loss of five sons. How must their sons have felt watching brothers cut down before them in service, one by one. Had the Confederacy won the War, perhaps the Flowers family would be as honored and remembered as the Sullivans are today. They sacrificed nearly all they had to their country. It is well that the three remaining sons, Robert W., George W. and John T. were too young to join the army by the spring of 1865. Robert W. would have been 16 that year.

Sources:

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Wilson County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1860, abstracted by Joan L. Howell, edited by Reese Ferrell and Joan Howell

WILLIAM WOODARD OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, September 13, 1910

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Elder William Woodard Dead.

Elder William Woodard, who has been ill for several weeks, died yesterday afternoon about five o'clock at his residence, about five miles from Wilson.

Probably no man ever lived in the county who was more universally esteemed or beloved. He was born and raised in Wilson county and resided here all his life at the place of his birth. He was 80 years of age, and for years served his Master in the precious calling of the ministry of the Primitive Baptist church.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the church where he had so often comforted the members of his faith with his lips, the funeral services were conducted by Elder P. D. Gold.

The words of Elder Gold were highly eulogistic. He spoke of the splendid life of the deceased, how that in him was no hypocrasy or deceit. True to every trust he leaves behind him an example that will live in the minds and hearts of those who may well follow an example of righteousness and rectitude.

A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends followed the remains to their last resting place in Maplewood cemetery and there left the mound covered with flowers, a great many from a distance, attesting their love and respect.

The deceased leaves a wife and four children, Mrs. Charles B. [Cora] Aycock, Mrs. Albert [Varina?] Anderson, of Raleigh; Mr. L. P. [Leonidas Polk] Woodard and William Woodard, Jr.

[Editor's note: Typed as originally printed. The cemetery marker in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C. records his birth as in 1830. *Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries—Volume IV,* compiled by Joan L. Howell. See page 29 of this issue for the family relationship of the Woodards in this issue of *Trees.*]

The William Woodard house, photo taken March 2002. Located at intersection of Rt. 264E and Rt. 91 in east Wilson. The property was the subject of a preservation grant proposal by the Historic Properties Commission several years ago. The grant was not awarded.

(*Tuly Thorne, continued from page 25*)
Thorne, Margaret Woodard Batts, & Hickman D. Barnes) the principle families such as the Barnes, Flowers and Skinners etc. that made up the pedigree of W. B. Doles' mother's (Susanna W. Barnes Doles) family history.[2] Other collateral families were also mentioned such as the Armstrongs, Bridgers, Gills, Todds, Williams, Petways, Shallingtons, Sharpes etc. which showed in-law relationships. Almost all of these families were long residents of old Edgecombe and the new Wilson County. The attraction this penned letter holds out to descendants of today can not be underestimated. In a letter of this length not every detail could possibly be included therefore the inspiration that calls to all who have kinship ties here is enormous as it encourages kin to search and connect their roots to J. J. Throne's basic work.

The question of who J. J. Thorne and Wesley Barnes Doles, Sr. were drew attention because the letter gave little information about them personally. Any tribute to these two men and especially John Julius Thorne for the important family information would not seem to be too much to pay at this time. What follows about the Thorne and Doles families is really a collective effort by several members of each family and this writer.[3] There is much more to these Wilson County families than this short study will highlight. Hopefully, inspiration will challenge others to add additional family relationships and information.

John Julius Thorne's Family

J. J. Thorne is not a new subject to the pages of Wilson County Genealogical Society's Newsletters. In 1996 Betty Baker Reason and Marion Woodard Moore had three pieces of material published in the May and August Newsletters about John Julius Thorne.[4] Evidence indicates he was a very unusually gifted and community conscious neighbor in Wilson County. He kept records of his family and that of his neighbors. He also was a man of considerable contemplation as he wrote and published a book of his poems entitled *HUMBLE HOURS OF SOLITUDE* in 1904.[5] Besides that he was a caring and responsible member of his extended family group.

John Julius Thorne was from a long line of Thorne progenitors dating back before the American Revolutionary War and perhaps to the time of the French and Indian War during the Colonial Period in the area of old Edgecombe County. Thorne family members can be found in the estate records of Edgecombe County back to the mid 1700's as they were land owners during that early period. Nicholas Thorne and his wife Rachel Brown White are referred to in records as early as 1788 and 1789[6]. J. J. Thorne seems to be descended from this couple. There may be a Martin Thorne before them who was an earlier ancestor.[7] The further back one goes in the early period of about the 1760's, the more difficult it is to completely tie the Thorne line firmly together. According to J. J.'s own Bible account, his grandparents were James Redmond Thorne, born about 1817, and Martha "Patsy" Batts, born about 1824.[8] In addition to J. J. Thorne's father William Martin, there were eight other siblings. Frances Ann was the oldest, and she was born in 1841. William Martin was next as he was born in 1842, and he was followed by siblings: John Daniel, Edwin David, Woodard Batts, James Gray, Martha Ann, Robert Henry and finally Sarah Ann who was born about 1856.[9] This family was listed in the 1850 Edgecombe County Census, but before the 1860 Wilson County Census, father J. R. Thorne died. He was not listed with the family before the Civil War.[10]

William Martin Thorne answered his call to duty during the Civil War as he enlisted on May 3rd, 1862. He served in Company H of the Seventy-Fifth Regiment which was largely a Wilson County army unit. Some of his companions with him were: Thomas J. Gardner, Elbert Felton, J. J. Barefoot, John Greene, Barnes W. and Isaac C. Page, Duncan Skinner, and Seth Tyson. All these men survived and returned home after the war.[11]

About five years after the war, William Martin Thorne married Margaret Peele Woodard Batts on the 8th of May 1870.[12] William's family was more complicated than that of his father. Margaret had formally been married to William Woodard Batts, but he died on the 20th of August 1869. She and W. W. Batts had had five children: James W., Sarah P., Martha A., Wilson W. and Margaret Elizabeth.[13] After W. M. Thorne married Margaret, they had five children of their own. John Julius Thorne was the first child born to this union as his mother Margaret gave birth to him on the 11th of February 1871. Four other siblings followed thereafter: Ichabod Redmond in 1872, Angie Cora in 1874, Mary Bahma in 1876 and Lucien Turner in 1878.[14] Margaret birthed ten children in 27 years from 1841 to 1878. There was plenty of work to do and go around for all on the Thorne and Batts farms which they operated.

J. J. Thorne's father William Martin died young just before he was 47 years on the 29th of September 1889. J. J.'s mother survived her second husband by over eleven years as she died at almost 66 years of age on the 5th of Jan 1901. They were both buried in the Thorne Cemetery which is today on the Redmond Road in Gardners Township.[15] According to Margaret's will, she left the Batts farm to her Batts children and the Thorne farm to her children by William Martin Thorne.[16]

J. J. Thorne farmed most all his life, and as long as his mother was alive, he helped her on their farm. When his younger sister Mary Bahma's husband John Robert Wiggins died at only 31 years of age leaving Mary with four small children, John Julius and his younger brother Lucien Turner assisted their sister in caring and raising her children.[17] J. J. and Turner never married, but they were good role models for Mary's son John and her three daughters: Margaret, Martha and Mary.

When J. J. Thorne was age 69 years old in 1940, he wrote down the pedigree of Wesley Barnes Doles in a letter for him. Four years later on the 2nd of July in 1944 the caring and capable John Julius Thorne passed away in Wilson County and was buried with his kin in the "Thorne-Batts" Cemetery on Redmond Road.[18]

Wesley Barnes Doles, Sr. Family

The ancestry of Wesley Barnes Doles, Sr. presented by J. J. Thorne in 1940 in his Barnes-Flowers-Skinner family history letter has to be one of those rare prized family treasures any

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memberthe Doles family will cherish for a long time to come. Today nearly 62 years later one can only wonder about the conversations that must have transpired between thes two men about the Doles ancestors in Wilson and Edgecombe Counties before the Doles family moved to Elm City from another location. J. J. Thorne wrote about a long Barnes, Flowers and Skinner history as the families had lived in old Edgecombe and Wilson Counties for decades before. On the other hand the Doles family had only been in Wilson County a few decades by 1940.

There were no Doles in the Wilson County 1880 Census.[19] The first Doles record found by this writer in the courthouse files was the marriage certificate of 25 year old William Thomas Doles of Halifax County to 22 year old Susanna W. Barnes on the 15th of March 1881 at Jacob Henry Barnes' home.[20] Jacob H. Barnes and Amey Ann Skinner were the parents of "Sue." Sue's parents and family by the Civil War time were very well to do among their neighbors. Jacob and Amey owned 175 cleared acres and 275 unimproved acres. The farm was valued at $4,845 and they had $14,888 invested in 15 slaves. After the War in 1870, the family 450 acre farm was still valued at $4,500. By the 1880 Wilson County Census, Susanna was still at home with her parents and sister Nancy A.[21] The next year she married Halifax resident W. T. Doles who was the son of Henry T. Doles and Mary Wren Wright.

Over the next 16 years William Thomas and Sue Doles had their family. Roy Elmer was born in 1882, Hazel Wren in 1883, Lady Corinne in 1887, William Norwood in 1894, and the baby of the family Wesley Barnes was born in 1896.[22] The Wilson County 1900 Census listed for the first time this Doles family. They lived in Elm City in their home and were very business oriented. William Thomas Doles was listed as 55 years old and a "commercial traveler." His wife Susan ran a millinery story there in town. Their neighbors in Elm City were Mayor Joseph W. Peacock, merchants Theodora Winstead, Emerson S. Vick, Henry Braswell and Jordan Winstead who ran a blacksmith shop.[23] Ten years later, the 1910 census listed William T. Doles as a traveling salesman. The family was still in the millinery business. Son Roy was a railroad clerk, Hazel and Corinne were teachers in the community, and the two youngest children William and Wesley were at home.[24]

Misfortune befell the family in 1918 as father William Thomas Doles died.[25] He left the family with an exceptional work ethic and interest in the business community. Two years later in 1920, the remaining family was listed on the census in Elm City as 60 year old Susie W. Doles with her sons Roy, William, and Wesley still at home. Later that same year sadness again followed the family as the oldest son Roy Elmer died at about age 38 and was also buried in the family plot in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Elm City along with his father and grandfather Henry T. Doles.[26] The families' economic interest continued to be in the merchant business. As they made their living in town during the Depression days of 1930, second son William Norwood became sick (probably originally in the late 1920's) with the infectious tuberculosis disease. As his sickness increased the family sought medical assistance for him at the T. B. sanitarium in Asheville, N.C. While there seeking relief, William died in 1930. He was brought back home to Elm City by the family to be buried with his older brother, father and grandfather.[27] Thereafter, only Wesley Barnes Doles survived as the sole male family heir. Hazel and Corinne lived on, but like their two deceased brothers, they never married.[28] Mother Susanne W. Barnes Doles also passed away at age 64 years of age in 1934, just four years after her son William Norwood died.[29]

Youngest son Wesley Barnes Doles, the only child in W. T. Doles and Sue Barnes family that married, wed in 1928 to Eileen Albright the daughter of William Thomas Albright and Elizabeth Marietta Widenhouse.[30] Over the next decade three children were born into this family. Betty Sue was born in 1930, and in time she married Thomas Allgood. Wesley Barnes Doles, Jr. was born next in 1936, and he married Mary Lou Dickens. Lastly, Nancy Wren Doles was born in 1940, and she later married Charles Mitchell.[31]

It was about this same time in 1940, that J. J. Thorne wrote his pedigree for W.B. Doles, Sr. After the passing away of four of the members of Wesley Barnes Doles' family of orientation, it seems from this point of view that it would be natural for Wesley Doles to turn his attention to his family history. John Julius and Wesley Barnes likely had considerable discussions about his mother's family in Wilson County in Wesley's business establishment. Years later somehow Hugh B. Johnston managed to get the letter or a copy of it and filed it away in his papers. About 1980, he gave a copy of the Burrell Barnes family history to Robert Boykin. Bobby Boykin submitted the letter to the Henry and Sue Powell editors of the W.C.G.S. Newsletter for publication in the November 2000 *TREES*. Sue Powell added the pedigree chart that accompanied the family history letter in *TREES*.

Father Wesley Barnes Doles was in the grocery business in Elm City for years. He ran stores in several locations there, and the family members continue to own part of the business on the southern outskirts of town.[32] Wesley Barnes Doles, Sr. died in 1968 and his wife Eileen A. Doles survived him by another 22 years as she died in 1990. Both were buried with other families members in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Elm City.[33]

Summary

The family history produced by Joseph Julius Thorne for Wesley Barnes Doles, Sr. is an ancestry ready to be harvested by all interested individuals or families who can possibly see any genealogical links to families associated in the Burrell Barnes family line. There are at least eighteen different family names mentioned in the publication of the letter and chart in *TREES*. There must be twice that number of other families alluded to by this productive work in marriages just waiting to be researched. The invitation of this work calls many to meet the challenge to research and add to what was begun in 1940 about Wilson County families. J. J. Thorne's efforts continue to pay dividends as it did in its original year, and it is likely it will for a long time to come. His letter of pedigree is more than just correspondence between Thorne and Doles in 1940. It also is a call and challenge to the many descendants today of the Barnes, Flowers,

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Skinners and other families there who can trace relationship to these founding families. Extending the family pedigree is today's challenge for now and future posterity.

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31. Same as no. 27.
32. Nancy Doles Mitchell information by telephone (26 Feb. 2002) with Albert Page.
33. Same as no. 22.

John Julius Thorne
1871-1944

Wesley Barnes Doles Sr
1896-1968

A Roster of Company B, Wilson County Rifles as compiled by R. F. Barnes. The full document takes over 30 pages so has been listed in Trees in sections over several months. **This is the final part.**

Williamson Levi T. 5/27/1861 23 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1148, age 22)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; wounded at Chancellorsville 5/3/63; returned to unit; transferred to Co. A, 55th N.C. 5/3/64
Hardy Williamson, 1860 #1148

Williford John T. 5/27/1861 18 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #718, age 16)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Corporal then Sergeant; wounded at Malvern Hill 7/1/62; died at home in Wilson 10/62
James G. Williford, 1860 #718

Wilson George W. 5/7/1862 23 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #1028, age 16)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; died in hospital at Richmond of typhoid fever 2/20-23/62
?Joel & Brazilla Wilson, 1860 #1028

Wilson John W. 5/7/1862 28 Wilson Co. (?1860 Cenus 1029, age 23)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured at Kelly's Ford 11/7-8/63; died in hospital in Washington, D.C. of typhoid pneumonia 1/11/64

Winborn Stephen 5/29/1861 18 Wilson Co. (1860 Census #1121, age 18)
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; present and accounted for through 10/64; no further records
Mother Roene Winborn (1860 #1121)

Winstead Jordan Cofield 6/12/1861 18 Wilson Co. (?1860 Census #523, age 17 at residence of Nancy Horn (age 70))
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private then Corporal; wounded at Fredericksburg 12/13/62; remainder of service in the hospital in Wilson as cook & nurse

Womble John G. 5/27/1861 22 Wilson Co. in 1861
Military Service Record *Parents and/or Spouse*
Private; captured at Gettysburg 7/3/63; imprisoned at Fort Delaware & Point Lookout; paroled and exchanged 3/20/64; captured at Burkeville, Va 4/6/65; imprisoned Point Lookout; took oath 6/21/65

Solomon Strickland

From the Hugh Johnston Strickland family file

Solomon Strickland, son of Jacob Strickland, Sr., and wife _____ _____, lived in Nash County, North Carolina. (b. 1740, d. 1815, Madison County, Georgia)

On September 19, 1764, Solomon Strickland married Amey Pace of Edgecombe County, bonded by Jacob Strickland, probably d. of William Pace.

On April 5, 1784, Samuel (S) Bryant sold Solomon Strickland for £40 in specie money 300 acres in Nash County south of Turkey Creek on Solomon Strickland's Spring Branch, witnessed by William S. Mearns and John Rice. (Deed Book 1, p. 145). On November 1, 1784, (entered on December 31, 1778), Solomon Strickland patented 250 acres on the Great Branch of Turkey Creek above Barnaby Barron "so as to include the Improvement he now lives on." (Patent Book 57, p. 317; Deed Book 2, p. 149; Book O, page 256). On November 6, 1784, he patented 253 acres adjoining himself, Turkey Creek, Great Branch, and Barnabe Barron. (Patent Book 57, p. 351)

On February 4, 1786, Solomon (S) Strickland of Nash County sold David Bissett for £34 in specie money 250 acres on Turkey Creek and Great Branch (Solomon's grant on November 1, 1784), witnessed by Pettipool Massey and John Rice. (Deed Book 6, p. 227). On November 4, 1786, Solomon Strickland of Nash County sold Stephen Young of Johnston County, Planter, for £100 in gold and silver coins tracts of 400 and 300 acres (the Hardy[?] Strickland purchase and the Samuel Bryant purchase), it "being the Lands I now live on" adjoining Jacob Strickland, said Bryant, Solomon Strickland's Spring Branch, and the south side of Turkey Creek, witnessed by Henry (X) Barnes and William Lancaster (Deed Book 1, p. 342-A)

Solomon Strickland was not listed in the Nash County Census of 1790. He apparently moved away from Nash County about 1787. On January 13, 1781, Solomon Strickland had applied for a patent of 200 acres in Nash County adjoining himself, Barnaby Barron, and John Taylor, but it was never completed as such. (Book O, p. 452) He probably went to Wilkes County, Georgia, where he was named in 1791, and he was named in Jackson County in 1804. He died in Madison County, Georgia, in 1815.

February 26, 2002 Meeting Minutes of WCGS.

The February meeting of WCGS was on the 26th with our president. Sue Powell presiding. She graciously thanked Mary Ann and Carol for their assistance in her absence last month.

The minutes were approved as printed in the last edition on Trees and the treasurer's report, given by Henry Powell showed an income of $869.00 in January. Most of that was from dues and calendars, but there were a few books and maps sold during the past month. There were expenditures of $349.00. Two mailings were sent out which were the costly items. In addition to Trees, a letter was sent about the need for information on the founding families of Wilson and a reminder was mailed to those who had not paid dues for this year. To date there is a balance of $4655.00 in checking and a CD in the amount of $4400.00.

We have 208 current members, 41 non renewals and a Trees mailing list of 230 which includes exchanges with other clubs and complementary copies.

During the time that the library is closed for remodeling, we will need to find a meeting location. Several sites were mentioned, but no decision was made. There is still a need for the board to visit other towns to gather ideas for our new genealogy area in the new addition. We need to be prepared for our exciting future!!!!

There is to be a "lock-in" with the Edgecombe County Genealogical Society in Tarboro on March 21 at 7:00 in the evening. It will be in the register of deeds office and all of the original records will be available for copying. For those with family ties in that county, it will be a wonderful time to gather accurate and useful information!!! Those who have been on earlier occasions, report that it is a marvelous experience!!

Mark Whitley continues to generate the compilation of information of individuals in the 1900 census and Dick Rountree is working on the membership/surnames of interest list and requests updates on membership surnames.

Sue Powell is working on the data entry of the 2001 Index and expects to have it completed for the March mailing of Trees. She also requested suggestions for future programs. We were reminded that copies of about 120 family files from the Hugh Johnson collection are in our genealogy room and that there are about 70 families to be done. The histories are bound, but in some cases several families are together in one book.

Dick Rountree, with the help of Grace Turner found a long, lost relative and is most excited.

Our March meeting will be a working one!!! All members are encouraged to bring information on their founding families and there will be folders with the materials that we have on hand. Bring paper and pens and be ready to work together for this one evening. Who knows??? We might have fun, get a lot done and want to do it again!!!!

The Powells gave a most interesting slide presentation on a family history tour to Scotland, Ireland, Isle of Man and England. This was for a group which wanted to visit the places where their ancestor had lived before he immigrated to this country. It was obviously a most rewarding and enjoyable tour for the family involved in finding their roots.

Frances Roberson
Secretary

Members

We no longer list new members in *Trees*. Mailing and E-mail addresses seem to find their way into commercial promotional lists, and *Trees* is distributed to a number of locations from which names could be obtained.

A list of members, addresses, and surnames of interest is mailed to individual members each year

Queries

Questions about Wilson County families may be emailed to WilsonNC@Yahoogroups.com or to ancestor@wcgs.org.

Queries from WCGS members will be automatically posted and printed in the next available issue of Trees. Queries from non-members may be posted on the internet discussion group at the discretion of WCGS.

To become a member of the list, visit our web site at http://www.wcgs.org
Go to the "discussion" section to view previous queries and answers or to join the group or post a query.

Notice

The Wilson County Public Library is no longer open on Thursday evenings due to budget cuts from the State and the County. It is open Mon-Wed 9:00 AM 9:00 PM, Thurs-Sat. 9:00 AM-6:PM

1930 Federal Census

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARS) will release the 15th Federal Population Census of the U.S. (the 1930 census) for the first time on April 1, 2002. There is a soundex index for NC and 11 other states.

The microfilm copies will be open for research at National Archives in Washington, DC and its 13 regional facilities. The Southeast Region, 1557 St. Joseph Avenue, East Point, GA, will reserve microfilm readers by telephone 404-763-7477. Viewing will begin at 12:01 am on April 1, with four-hour time slots available for microfilm use.

NARS Southeast region workshops are planned:

18 May—Introduction to genealogical research (beginner)
20 July—Military records / WWI draft cards: uses in genealogy (beginner/intermediate)
21 Sept—African-American genealogy (beginner/intermediate)
16 Nov—Introduction to genealogical research (beginner)

Sessions include a formal workshop from 9-11 am, limited to 20 participants. $15 per person, non-refundable. Pre-registration required. You may reserve a microfilm reader for research in the afternoon until 4:00 pm.

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President's Message

Hello,

Growth has a price, and WCGS continues to grow and thrive, which means the time had come to assess our financial strength. With a strong publications reserve, we continue to work toward making contributions toward the permanent published literature of local genealogy We have two cemetery volumes in preparation and our Founding Families volume, due out in 2005, is designed to more fully document the excellent work begun by the Bicentennial Committee in the History of Wilson County and its Families printed in 1985, now out of print.

Why don't we just put everything on the internet and save money? Maybe we should. However, there is always the fear of what happens if someone pulls the plug. Where does our data go then? All the backup tapes in the world won't bring back everything. We still believe in the value of a good library of printed materials. Reference citations seldom list web sites as primary source because they seldom are.

Perhaps the greatest value of the internet to most of us is the interchange of information through discussion groups. This on-line community opens up new worlds to all of us, and allows us to share in the discoveries of others and share insights. Our discussion group (WilsonNC@Yahoogroups.com) is free and open to WCGS members for interchange of information. If you are not on the list, send an email to ancestor@wcgs.org and ask us to add you. We do restrict access for non-members as there have been times over the years that "pickers" have gleaned queries and offered to do research for money. We just had a complaint from someone who paid $400 up front to a stranger who then disappeared. It didn't happen on our group, but it has happened. WCGS doesn't do research for money.

Sue Powell

April 23rd Meeting

Betty Reason of Macclesfield (Edgecombe County, N. C.) has been the president of their local genealogical society on and off ever since their beginning about six years ago.

Betty's interests go far back before the founding of their society, and she is known to all as **the** person in that county who really knows the lay of the land.

Betty has a motto that when you hit a brick wall, go to the land. This approach usually takes her, through deeds, and grants, right to where she wanted to be, complete with a plat of how a given piece of land has fared over the centuries, along with its attached genealogy. This has answered many questions for her as she clearly understands the need for a good hypothesis, and the land records give her the data to prove such.

This approach has also produced some wonderful side benefits, such as her book *History of Macclesfield NC.* Betty will present our program in April, detailing how she produced this book and sharing with us the life of Peter Hines and his impact on this little town. She will also include details on other founding families: Stokes, Evans, Webb, Owens, Carter, Lewis, Bridgers, and Ellis.

Hopefully, Betty will have copies of this book available for purchase.

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WCGS Board Votes for By-law amendment

At the 1st Quarterly Board meeting for 2002, a vote was passed in favor of changing the WCGS Bylaws to increase the dues from $15 to $20 per calendar year. This amendment will be submitted to the membership for a vote at the April 23rd meeting . The Bylaws require a majority approval of those voting (in person or by proxy) for the amendment to pass and become part of the official Bylaws of WCGS.

The Board members were insistent that it be made clear that this is not for additional income to WCGS. There have been numerous postal increases since the Society was founded in 1991. The Society has been able to absorb these by becoming an official non-profit mailer and using the lesser rate for such groups. We no longer pay only for the newsletter/chronicle (10 issues per year), an annual index, membership and surname list, but now issue a calendar for the following year which costs about as much per copy as five issues of *Trees*.

Therefore, the increase to $20 per year allows the Society to keep even, more or less, while increasing the numbers of mailings to eleven per year, including the calendar.

Further expenses have arisen over the 11 years of life of WCGS. Our web site (www.wcgs.org) requires monthly fees for "hosting" and an annual fee for the "domain" name WCGS.org. These costs were obviously never anticipated in 1991 when the original dues of $15 per year were set. Part of these expenses are defrayed by publications income as an advertising expense, but some portion is charged to member services, particularly as related to the discussion group (WilsonNC@Yahoogroups.com).

Please contact any member of the WCGS Board (see p. 2) if you have further questions.

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Family Connections
Wilson Daily Times March 19, 2002

Our local Stancil family

We have several requests to write on the local Stancil family. Here is some information which we have found with help from Jerry Stancil to share with our readers. This will be continued over two months due to the lengthy details. Henry & Sue Powell

It is generally believed that most families can be traced back to a single individual with enough time and effort and good luck in doing the research. This goal is seldom achieved because the further back you go the fewer records there are, until there simply aren't any, as in the stone age which ended several thousand years ago with the discovery of metals, tin, copper and iron. Reading and writing just did not exist in that primitive tribal society. Drawings of deer and bears on cave walls don't tell us much about ancestors.

With the Stancil family, we are fortunate to have a nearly continuous record that goes back thousands of years, not to one individual, but to a group of eastern Europeans from the area of present-day Romania, east of the country of Austria. There is some indication that our local family can be traced to one tribe of the people known as the Celts (pronounced kelts). These were a somewhat mysterious population (because no one knows where they came from) of individuals, possibly descended from stone age small extended family groups of 20-30 individuals each who moved from their isolated mountain caves into the eastern valley of the Danube River when the ice age glacial melts had ended. They learned how to farm on the rich glacial alluvial deposits and lived there from about 7,000 years ago. The population soared with the increased food supply. This is an area where ethnic fighting has been rampant in recent years and seems to have been that way for millennia. There were hundreds of these Celtic tribes, presumably each descended from an original family group.

The pressures of population growth and civil unrest around 800 BC caused the Celts to begin moving westward along the Danube, following the route to the north of the Alps and into Germany and then into France. Never organized into any formal government, the Celts formed their own tribal areas which they defended with heroic deeds and fierce battles. They were masters of horsemanship and held the secrets of iron, invented for harness making. They invaded and sacked Rome along their way which was a fatal misjudgment. When Imperial Rome recovered itself, the Celts became a prime target and were pushed to the western edges of Europe, losing whatever tribal administrative structure they had in their defeats. The populations of France and Spain today contain mostly Celtic genes, mixed with some Roman genes as well.

Some Celts crossed the North Sea in about 200 BC from Germany to the island of Great Britain, to the present county of Yorkshire. Other tribes followed and soon Britain was mostly a Celtic country. There, they regrouped and settled, undisturbed for several centuries, where they lived in isolated farms or hamlets (two or more farmhouses) and fought their battles and raised their families. This ended with the invasion of Britain by the Romans around the turn of the millennium.

The Celts were an intensely religious group of people. They worshiped spirits for everything from rocks to streams to trees. We get our present practice of "knock on wood" from the Celtic practice of tapping on a tree to get the attention of the resident "spirit" from whom one might request a favor. The tribe which settled in Yorkshire worshiped Bridget, the goddess of fertility and carried her name as their

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The Plank Road
From the Hugh Johnston files

On December 29, 1851, a Jury of Freeholders consisting of William (X) Walston, John (X) Rodgers, Joshua (W) Walston, William (X) Felton, James S. Barnes, Nathan Webb, David Webb, Stephenton (P) Page, Jonathan Ellis, Hickmon Ellis, Hilyard Owens, and Elias Barnes was summoned at the instance of a warrant issued to Sheriff James F. Jenkins of Edgecombe County by Justices of the Peace Joab P. Pitt and Wright Barnes, "to go upon the Premises of the Heirs of Theophilus Gay de^c^. and assess the damages incurred in consequence of the Greenville and Raleigh Plank Road crossing their lands, ... and condemn the same to the use of the aforesaid road." They laid off stations No. 510 to No. 517, beginning at Goff Swamp and running a course thirty feet wide west a distance of 116 poles, which represented one and 37/100 acres valued at $7.83.

On December 29, 1851, the same Jurymen surveyed stations No. 534½ to No. 555, thirty feet wide and 330 poles long. (A surveyor's pole was 16½ feet, so this represented a distance of a little over one mile.) This property belonged to the heirs of Council Applewhite, and they also laid off a rectangular lot in the S.E. corner of the Plank Road and the Stantonsburg-Tarboro Road, 105 yards east along the former, and 70 yards south along the latter. (This half-acre lot in the heart of the present Saratoga was probably intended for a toll or maintenance station.). The Applewhite heirs received $10.66 for the total of 4½ acres.

On December 22, 1851, Hickman Ellis deeded for $1.00 to the President and Directors of the Greenville & Raleigh Plank Road Company a right-of-way 30 feet wide and 360 poles long (4 acres more or less), beginning near station No. 579 on the north line of Benjamin Bynum's Avenue and continuing to the center of White Oak Creek; witnessed by Mason Loomis.

On June 12, 1852, Jurymen James B. Woodard, James Barnes, Bryant L. Barnes, James D. Barnes, William Woodard, Warren Woodard, Calvin Woodard, L. D. Farmer, H. E. (X) Bell, William Barnes, Jacob Farmer, and Benjamin (X) Farmer assembled in accordance with a warrant issued to Sheriff James F. Jenkins by Justices of the Peace Robert Bynum and John W. Farmer, to lay off stations No. 663¾, beginning with the run of Tosnot Swamp, to No. 681 at the Lewis Rountree line. This condemnation of the land of Nathan Rountree was 30 feet wide and 1,518 yards long or (3 1/3 acres), "whereon the said Road is now located," and was valued at $216.50.

On December 30, 1851, Jurymen Cader Rountree, James Barnes, Lindsey Bell, Seth Ward, Albert Farmer, Henry E. (X) Bell, L. M. Hayes, Eirkit Evans, J. J. Thorn, Moses B. Sharpe, John S. Daniel, and Charles P. Kenyon met to assess the damages incurred by Lewis Rountree, heir of Lewis Rountree, deceased, by running the survey "whereon the said Road is now located" from station No. 681 northward to the south line of the Edwin Barnes heirs, 30 feet wide and 176 poles long (2 and 9/100 acres), worth $74.88.

On December 30, 1851, the same Jurymen assessed the damages to the heirs of Edwin Barnes, deceased: (1) Delpha Barnes, stations No. 692-No. 700¾, 30 feet by 140 poles (1 and 66/100 acres), worth $17.26; (2) Edwin Barnes, stations No. 700¾-No. 709¾, 30 feet by 140 poles (1 and 71/100 acres), worth $17.78; (3) Arthur Barnes, stations No. 709¾-No. 715½, 30 feet by 92 poles (1 and 9/100 acres), worth $10.92; (4) Dianna Barnes, stations No. 715½-No. 723, 30 feet by 120 poles (1 and 42/100 acres), worth $14.25; and (5) Lafayette Barnes, stations No. 723-No. 731, 30 feet by 128 poles (1 and 52/100 acres), worth $15.26.

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tribal name, the Brigantes. On every farm or hamlet there probably was a shrine to Bridget and other spirits. It is difficult to know quite what the Celts did or how they did it as they never developed a written language. There are no records. All their history is from second-hand bards' tales.

The Romans came with their own set of gods. Fortunately their goddess of fertility, Minerva, was a close match to the Celtic goddess and an existing shrine was often honored, rebuilt and renamed. Many local churches throughout England today stand on the site of Celtic / Roman shrines, Winchester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey being good examples. The Celts were defeated again and again by the Romans, and many fled to Ireland and Wales, the last vestiges of the ancient Celtic world. The Welsh language, still in use today, may be close to the original Celtic as are the Gaelic dialects of Ireland and Scotland. The Welsh name for their country is Cymru (pronounced kimru) which means brotherhood, much the same as the Russian word for comrade. The word "Wales" is from a Saxon word for strangers.

Rome pulled out of Britain in the 5th century AD because of economic pressure from their many far away posts, leaving the native Britons to fend for themselves with no administrative structure. These were the dark ages. Britain was soon overrun by Saxons from northern Germany who intermarried with the relic Celtic populace. In the ninth century, Danish Vikings invaded seeking food after several disastrous years with poor harvests. They liked what they saw and stayed, becoming the rulers of northern England, including Yorkshire. The present city of York, formerly Roman Eboracum, became known as Jorvik, and some of present Western Yorkshire became a Viking wapentake (township) called Strafforth. The norsemen settled on existing farms and married into local families.

Now back to the Stancils. There is a tiny hamlet by that name with two farmhouses near the town of Tickhill in West Yorkshire in the heart of the former Brigantes tribal county in the Wapentake of Strafforth. It is thought there are ruins of an old Roman temple to Minerva at that hamlet, and the family there, possibly of Celtic and/or Roman origin (with maybe some Viking ancestry as well), took their name from the stone building of the temple, creating stan (stone) sala (hall), now commonly written as Stancil. Church records of the surrounding area show births and deaths of many generations of Stancils, and our American story begins with a John Stancil, born in England in 1662 who arrived in Virginia in 1683 and settled in Nansemond County, Virginia, where he found his wife, Katherine Hardy. (to be continued next month).

Henry & Sue Powell

World War I Draft Registrations from Wilson County, NC: Woodard Registrants

Submitted by Lisa Y. Henderson, Atlanta, GA

NAME	AGE	BIRTHDATE	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	NEAREST RELATIVE	RA.
Alex J. Woodard	25	3/23/1892	Wilson	Farmer		W
Arron Woodard[1]	21	1/1/1896	Wilson	Farmer		B
Benjamin Thomas Woodard	24	1/17/1884	RFD 3, Lucama	Farmer, I.H. Lamm	Sallie Woodard	W
Charlie Woodard	21	8/1896	Wilson	Farm laborer, Jack Harris		B
Charlie H. Woodard	45	1/01/1873		Carpenter, work for the public	Alice Woodard	B
Charlie Woodard	29	8/1/1887	511 Narroway	Tobacco worker, J.P. Taylor Co.		B
Eddie Woodard	41	7/4/1877	RFD 6, Wilson	Farmer, Tom Lucas	Lucy Woodard	B
Eddie Woodard	21	10/21/1896	Wilson	Delivery boy, dry goods store[2]	Sarah Bynum	B
Edwin Woodard	21	1/1/1896	Black Creek	Farmer		B
E. Henry Woodard	28	3/15/1889	Raleigh Road	Attorney-at-law		W
Frank Woodard	34	3/10/1884	Narroway	Laborer, Imperial Tobacco	Katherine Woodard, wife	B
Frank Woodard[3]	42		Black Creek	Farmer, P.L. Woodard	Heddie Woodard	B
Fred Woodard	24	1893	Stantonsburg	Farmer, Fred Washington		B
George Woodard	28	7/9/1888	Wilson	Milling, M.L. Edwards		B
George H. Woodard	20	11/11/1898	RFD 6, Wilson	Farmer, F.L. Carr	Joe Woodard	W
Graham Woodard	39	1/11/1879	704 Nash St.	Manufacturer/farmer	Mamie E. Woodard, wife	W
Grant Woodard	29	8/28/1887	Wilson	Farm laborer, Hardy Webb		B
Gus Woodard	37	3/1/1881	RFD 6, Wilson	Farmer, Dr. W.H. Anderson	Lizzie Woodard, wife	B
Henry Woodard	33	6/9/1884	RFD 2, Wilson	Convict	Jane Woodard	B
Howard Woodard	38	2/14/1880	Hines St.	Cooper, Wilson Tobacco Co.	Martha Allen	B
Jacob Woodard	23	8/6/1894[4]	RFD 2, Wilson	Farmhand, Moore Simmons		W
James Woodard	41	12/10/1874	RFD 1, Wilson	Farmer	Zilpha Woodard	B
James Woodard	18	2/19/1900	RFD 5, Wilson	Farmer, Jodie Whitley		B
James Woodard	39	1/29/1879	RFD 5, Wilson	Farm tenant, F.W. Barnes	Ed Stott	B
James Claudius Woodard	22	1/16/1895	Lucama	Day laborer, W.J. Moore		W
James Edgar Woodard	36	6/12/1882	RFD 6, Wilson	Farmer, P.L. Woodard		W
James Gray Woodard[5]	30	7/10/1887	Stantonsburg	Farmer		W
James W. Woodard	44	1/18/1874	RFD 6, Wilson	Farmer, P.L. Woodard	Jennie Woodard	B

1 Been shot in the left leg, but not severe.
2 Barrett-Patrick Co.
3 Paralysis on one side.
4 Born Greene Co., NC.
5 Right eye is "effected," bad sight.

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NAME	AGE	BIRTHDATE	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	NEAREST RELATIVE	RA.
Jason Woodard	22	7/27/1894	Black Creek	Farmer		B
Jim Woodard	27	4/8/1890	Elm City	Farmer		B
John Woodard	21	3/2/1896	Woodard Avenue	Laborer, Wilson Cotton Mills		B
John Exum Woodard II	36	2/26/1882	303 Daniel St.	Insurance		B
John Wilson Woodard	23	1/24/1894	Wilson	Farmer		W
Johnnie Woodard	20	1/27/1898	RFD 4, Wilson	Farm laborer, W.W. Graves	Gillie Woodard	B
Joseph Hilliard Woodard	43	4/17/1875	RFD 1, Simrns	Tenant farmer	Mary Woodard	W
Josh Woodard	37	9/15/1881	512 Lodge St.	Laborer, Imperial Tobacco	Clary Woodard, sister	B
Kirby Uzzell Woodard	27	8/22/1889	498 Broad St.	Manager, wholesale grocery[6]		W
Linwood Woodard	20	9/9/1898	RFD 5, Wilson	Farmer, Walter Woodard	Fred Woodard	B
Louis Woodard	32	4/12/1886	RFD 4, Wilson	Farmer, W.W. Whitley		B
Moses Woodard	45	11/6/1873	615 Darden	Laborer, Imperial Tobacco	Mary Woodard	B
Paul Woodard	18	6/20/1900	RFD 2, Lucama	Farmer, William Woodard	William Woodard	B
Roney L. Woodard	18	10/6/1899		Farmer, E.G. Campbell	Mrs. Mollie Woodard	W
Ruffin Woodard	38	2/14/1880	RFD 2, Wilson	Farmer	Ella Woodard	W
Sidney Woodard	19	8/25/1899	RFD 1, Wilson	Farmer, Oscar Dew	Oscar Dew, father	B
Stephen Lee Woodard	34	2/24/1884	RFD 6, Wilson	Farmer, Graham Woodard	Cora Woodard, wife	B
Sylvester Woodard	18	7/6/1900	RFD 1, Walst'burg	Farmer, Joe E. Craft	Jesse Woodard	B
Troy Melton Woodard	29	9/8/1887[7]	RFD 3, Kenly	Salesman[8]		W
Turner Franklin Woodard	18	8/18/1900	RFD 5, Wilson	Farmer, D.W. Woodard	D.W. Woodard	W
Walter Woodard	23	12/15/1894[9]	Black Creek	Farm laborer, W.W. Tomlinson		B
Walter Lee Woodard	19	5/24/1899	RFD 5, Wilson	Farmer, D.W. Woodard	D.W. Woodard	W
Westley Woodard	36	5/1/1882	RFD 1, Wilson	Farmer, K.H. Watson	Easter Woodard	B
William Woodard	34	6/14/1884	RFD 1, Fountain	Tenant, John Speight	George Exum	B
William E. Woodard	24	3/31/1893	Stantonsburg	Farmer		W
William Henry Woodard	21	1/30/1895	407 Vick St.	Plasterer, H.T. Crittenden		B
William Herbert Woodard	38	2/11/1880	cr Kenan & Bruton	Livestock farming	Julia Rand	W
Will Woodard	37	12/14/1881	Woodard Avenue	Laborer, Hackney Wagon	Eliza Woodard	B
Willie Woodard	44	10/31/1873	RFD 2, Wilson	Farmer, Fannie Boyette		B

6 Woodard Bros & Co.
7 Born in Johnston County, NC. Lost part of left hand.
8 Taylor Bros. Churn Company
9 Born in Savannah, Georgia.

EARLY WILSON NEWSPAPERS
[and The Beginning of the Tobacco Industry in Wilson County] By James H. Evans
From the Hugh Johnston files

As I was born December 22, 1851, I was too young to pay any attention to newspapers-if there were any in this town before the Civil War, but the war news in the Richmond, Wilmington and Charleston newspaper received here during the war interested me because my father, Hartwell Evans, was at the front, being fatally wounded at the battle of Malvern Hill at Richmond and was coming home to die. He had gone to war as a private with Col. John C. Gorman, who was engaged in printing here before the war.

I don't know whom he worked for before going to war, but at any rate when he returned from the war he encouraged me to learn the printing trade and so I sought work as an apprentice with Col. Robert Singletary, who lived about a mile out of town on the plank road below the toll gate on the plank road just east of the town. At that time Col. Singletary and Col. Gorman were running the *Wilson Plain Dealer* in a small building near the old Primitive Baptist Church on Tarboro Street, known then as the Raleigh Road.

I began work as a printer's devil for Col. Singletary on the *Wilson Plain Dealer* on December 20, 1865. I don't think I really tried to be a devil of an apprentice because I was genuinely imbued with a desire to be a fast typesetter and good printer and I applied myself studiously to that end. The apprenticeship was for three years. After my time was finished I wanted to follow Col. Gorman who had gone to Raleigh so he got me a job and I went to Raleigh.

Young David Barnes took my place on the *Plain Dealer*. After working two or three years for Col. Singletary, David decided he wanted a newspaper of his own, so his father, "Jimmie D." Barnes set him up in business in a comfortable little building facing what is now Douglas Street on the house lot between Nash and Green Streets. When David started the *Wilson Ledger* he had me come back from Raleigh to work for him. So for a while David and Tom Lee, a regular practical printer, and myself got along fine with the newspaper. David made a good newspaper. I set most of the straight type, while Tom Lee did the job printing and set some mighty pretty ads for the *Ledger*- in fact, they were decidely more artistic business drawings than the average ad of that day.

After a few years David decided that he wanted to travel and see how printing was done elsewhere. So he shut the paper down and went away, throwing Tom Lee and myself out of work. Tom got work with Col. Singletary and I went to Baltimore where I worked on the *Sun* and in the job department of the *Sun* for a year or two.

I returned here about 1871 or 72. When I came back I found the *Wilson Advance* and the *Wilson Express* running as well as the *Plain Dealer* – three newspaper[s] all at the same time. Tom Lee, head printer, Jesse Fitzgerald as the devil, and a traveling printer on the *Plain Dealer*, John Portis, and his kid brother. Jeff Portis, on the *Advance*, and Townie Smith and John Stallings on the *Express*, with Billy Williams as the devil. I think the *Express* was owned by Mr. Langston.

My recollection now is that Col. Thomas S. Kenan and Col. Henry G. Williams owned the *Advance*, with Henry Blount, Wilson's flowery newspaper writer, free-lance writing some good stuff on every paper in town every week.

The *Express* suspended probably in 1878 or 79, and at about that time John E. Woodard and Theodore Hobgood bought the *Advance* which they successfully operated for some time-eventually selling it to young Josephus Daniels, who operated it, and made a wonderful newspaper success of it for several years.

At the time young Mr. Daniels bought the *Advance* I was just arriving from working in New Bern and he met me and hired me within an hour after closing the deal. "Dock" Hobgood, Olian Stallings and Frank Connor had been the printers. Mr. Daniels used myself and Frank Connor but Olian Stallings wanted to go to Goldsboro to work, so Frank and myself were the operating force-and by the way, I have been overlooking one very faithful worker on every newspaper in town-Stepny Bush, a colored man, he pulled every Washington hand press on every newspaper printed in the town, and it kept him very busy; he had press work every day except Sunday.

I wasn't in Wilson at the time Elder L. I. Bodenhammer and Elder P. D. Gold first got *Zions Landmark* underway or who started it, but anyhow when I returned here in June, 1877, from Cincinnati, Ohio, I found the *Landmark* comfortably housed in an office building on Mr. Gold's home lot on the corner of Maplewood Avenue and Vance Street, with Robert Bruce Evans, of Wilmington, and James A. Crews jointly doing the mechanical work. I readily found work with Bob's end of the job and as Bob had got a helper Mr. Crews would not be outdone, so he took Jesse Fitgerald [Fitzgerald] as his helper, which was mutually satisfactory to all of us.

I worked on the *Landmark* until the next summer when my health seemed to go "pink" during the hot weather-the confinnement [sic.] seemed to get me. So I had to find outside employment during each summer for several years. It was during this hot weather period that I found some work with Mr. James T. Wiggins, a young man who came here prospecting with a view to cultivating tobacco. Mr. Wiggins had worked in tobacco all his life and he envisioned great things he could do cultivating tobacco in Wilson. While looking around he contacted Mr. Calvin Barnes, whose farm lay on the Black Creek Road about two miles from Wilson. So they came to terms and as I wasn't working Mr. Barnes, who knew me well, recommended me to Mr. Wiggins, who lost no time in coming to my home and hiring me and together we went right then to look over the land and lay plans when and how to plant the tobacco. Offhand I would say that was in the early spring of 1879 or 80. Mr. Wiggins stepped off the land and stuck sticks where he wanted a plant bed, so I was to return the next morning with an axe, a grubbing hoe and a rake and begin work on the plant bed. I knew nothing about the work except as he told me. On the way back to town I recommended a young friend, Ben Boswell, as a good, steady worker. So. Mr. Wiggins also hired him and

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together we went to the work the next day and about 1 o'clock Mr. Wiggins came out and helped cut, grub and rake like his hired men. We got along fine with the work, so we set fire to the first batch of brush and burned it that evening just before returning home. Mr. Wiggins wanted more brush on the bed so we were instructed to cut more brush and put it on the plat the next day, which we did, so that is the real beginning of tobacco culture on a commercial scale at Wilson.

We worked hard that year and made a fine crop of great big leaves which we sun cured on the fence and by driving down forked stakes and stringing poles on them and then hanging the tobacco on the poles and keeping a steady lookout for prospects of rain to get it gather[ed] and under shelter out of the rain. This tobacco was offered on the Durham, Winston and Danville markets. Some of it was returned to Mr. Wiggins and he had us to prepare it in a crude way to be sold at retail in some of the local stores as well as his own store.

About 1883 D. S. (Jeff) Caraway started the *Wilson Sifting*, a semi-news and humorous newspaper, which really deserved a better fate than befell it within a few months.

Every paper, so far mentioned, was really a model country newspaper, well written, pretty well patronized by advertisers and remarkably well printed for that time.

Arthur Barnes and various printers were responsible for publishing *"The Owl"* and *"The Investigator,"* the "funny" local newspapers which only appeared occasionally filled with little harmless and humorous "digs" at the "higher-ups" as well as the middle fellow, and always caused a wild furore [sic.] of semi-anger but softened by hilarious humor that kept the town laughing and growing for two or three days.

I left Wilson on August 2, 1882, for Clinton, N. C., which seems to have been a permanent move, as I have only been in Wilson three times since then-once to hire "Bob" Evans and "Shorty" Darden for my printing plant at Florence, S. C. I lost this large plant by fire on Easter morning, 1892, and didn't have a cent of insurance.

I also lost another large plant at Rock Hill, S. C. on Easter morning in 1897-both fires put me on the road again, and the great depression of 1930-till recently-put me on the road again.

Gentle reader, your local paper is your town looking glass, through which everybody sees and judges you. Better see that you keep well and persistently represented with a good ad in your town newspaper every day-every week.

And now my friends, in conclusion, let me say I am indeed very proud that you people had the good fortune to constructively grasp the supreme opportunity of creating and steadily expanding the Wilson Tobacco Market until you actually have the best and biggest tobacco market in the world, and I am very glad today to have the pleasure of enjoying its success and to meet several of my old friends of former days. I know that your market is in good and efficient hands, that makes for the good and happiness of all hands combined.

May God's richest blessings abide with each and every one of you always,

William Lynn Banks Obituary
The Wilson Times, November 2, 1916

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mr. W. L. Banks

After a lingering illness of several months which he bore with the most patient fortitude, always realizing that it was but a question of time until the end would come Mr. W. L. Banks a prominent and useful citizen and business man of this city was this afternoon at ten minutes past three called to his eternal home.

All that loving hands could do, and skilled physicians and surgeons could devise was done to arrest the fatal disease that was sapping the life of the patient, but with avail. He visited a number of leading surgeons in different parts of the country in order to obtain relief.

The deceased was 48 years of age last March and was born near Clayton in Johnston county, and came to Wilson about 23 years ago. He has always been very successful, amassing considerable property, and was never tiring in his energy. He held a number of places of trust and was active in all the affairs of the county, having held the position of chairman of the board of County Commissioners, a director in the Branch Banking Company, a member of the board of stewards of the Methodist church, was a member of the Junior Order of Odd Fellows, was chairman of the Young Men's Organization of Wilson county in the prohibition election and did excellent work in the campaign when Wilson county was carried for prohibition.

About 15 years ago he was married to Miss Marguerite Lane of Wayne County, and to them were born five children, Carey Hunter Banks, Hester Banks, Marguerite Banks, Elizabeth Banks and Linda Banks.

The deceased was a devoted hus-[sic.] brothers and one sister, Mrs. J. M. Banks, of Wake County, Rev. A. T. Banks of Henderson, N. C., Mr. A. F. Banks of Montgomery, Ala., and Mrs. Penny of Clayton, N. C.

The deceased was a devoted husband, father and friend, and will be missed by every one.

The funeral of Mr. Banks will occur about 3:30 tomorrow afternoon, although all the arrangements so far have not been perfected.

[Editor's note: Typed as originally printed. William Lynn Banks, born 01 March 1868, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C. Margaret Lane Banks, born 30 August 1881, died 24 September 1960 and Carey Hunter Banks, born 03 January 1903, died 28 March 1980, are also buried there. *Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries – Volume IV,* compiled by Joan L. Howell.

The Wilbanks Community on Rte. 42 E. was named for William L. Banks and was an active post office until 1906. It was incorporated as a town in 1897. The town officers at the time of incorporation were John H. Robbins, Mayor, W.D.P. Sharpe, W. B. Forbes, and W. H. Robbins, commissioners, and Walter Williams, Constable. The town extended for 1/4 mile in each direction from the intersection of the public road running through the town. Only a church of that name now remains. Information from the Hugh Johnston *Gazetteer* (1979) and *The History of Wilson County* (1985).]

NEWSPAPER HISTORY
MR. R. B. EVANS. CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEWS AND OBSERVER SENDS FOLLOWING COPY

The Wilson Times, January 8, 1917
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Wilson, Jan. 8.—It has been said that the town of Wilson is a graveyard for newspapers. Whether or not this be so the journalistic aspirations of many who would shape the destinies of this great country have had their fond dreams scattered by crashing into the 'rock of nonsupport.'

Below is a list of the papers that have been started here since 1870, only four—those last named—are here now:

The Wilson Ledger, D. S. Barnes, editor and proprietor.

The Dolly Varden, D. S. Barnes, editor and proprietor.

The Plaindealer, Col. R. W. Singleton, editor and proprietor.

The Investigator, a publication spared none—not even the ladies. Its editor or where it was printed has never been definitely known. A Wilson lady dubbed it "the Aggravator" and it was all of that and more.

Another publication that had no set time for surprising the natives was a neatly gotten up pamphlet called "The Devil's Late Visit to Wilson," and whenever it appeared men raved and tore their hair and offered big rewards to find out the editor's name—at least those who got hit the hardest did. The editor was a wise old bird—found out things, called a spade a spade and kept mum.

The Wilson Advance, brought here from Battleboro by the lamented Col. Henry G. Williams. Later it was edited by Mr. John E. Woodard and then passed into the hands of Josephus Daniels who was a few years later succeeded by Claude Wilson, then by C. C. Daniels, finally passing into the hands of W. L. Cantwell. Then the outfit was sold to Colonel Emery, of Weldon.

With this outfit Colonel Emery's son and Mr. E. E. Britton began the publication of the *Wilson Daily News*. This paper passed into the hands of C. T. Harris who, for a time kept its head above water and it finally sprung a leak with R. B. Evans at the helm.

The Wilson Mirror, Henry Bount, editor. It was in a class by itself but failed to "reflect."

The Daily Siftings, owned and edited by Jeff Carraway. It's days were few and it soon "sifted" out.

The Industrial Advocate, owned by a stock company and edited by J. O. Foy, lived but a few months.

The Gospel Messenger, a weekly edited by Rev. J. T. Jenkins.

The Evening Dispatch (now *The Morning Dispatch,* a seven-day paper—owned and edited by Leon Daniel.

The Co-operator, edited by A. L. McIntosh.

The Daily Times, and semi-weekly *Times* edited by John D. Gold, and *Zion's Landmark,* P. D. Gold, editor. Both of these publications are owned by the P. D. Gold Publishing Company.

Besides the above many ama___ publications have been started ___ and all failed to find that "the _____ mightier than the sword."

[Editor's note: Part of the bottom two paragraphs was missing. While it was only the end syllables in the next to the last paragraph, which we inserted, much more was missing on the last paragraph, and we made no attempt to fill in the missing words. Otherwise, the article is typed as originally printed.

See the Mary Ophelia Bryant and Robert Bruce Evans article below for more information on R. B. Evans.]

MARY OPHELIA BRYANT AND ROBERT BRUCE EVANS

From the Hugh B. Johnston Farmer Family Files

Mary Ophelia Bryant, daughter of Priscilla Farmer and George Andrew Bryant, was born February 11, 1856, in Wilson County, N. C., and died July 27, 1926. On September 6, 1876, she married Robert Bruce Evans, who was born April 12, 1855, and died September 21, 1934.

They lived at 120 N. Tarboro Street, Wilson, N. C. She was a Methodist since early girlhood. They were buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

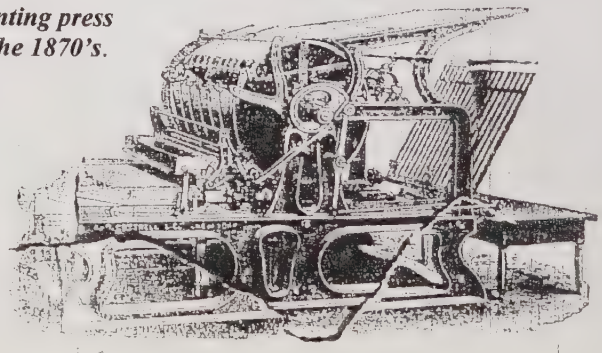
"Bob" Evans was an old fashioned journeyman printer and in his day one of the "landmarks" of Wilson.

Children of Robert Bruce and Mary Ophelia Bryant Evans

1. Olivia Augusta Evans was born December 28, 1877, and died December 17, 1881.
2. Katie Elizabeth Evans was born October 24, 1879, and died May 20, 1885.
3. Bruce Ophelia Evans was born December 15, 1881, died January 31, 1939, and lived at Wilson.

[Editor's note: Robert and Ophelia were married by P. D. Gold at Jas. Farmer's home. Listed as a Wilson County resident on the marriage certificate, R. B. Evans does not appear in the Wilson County Federal Census until 1880. At that time, he was listed as a printer, living on Lee Street in Wilson with his wife and two daughters. The cemetery marker for Robert Bruce Evans lists his birthdate as 12 April 1850, and his parents as S. Stokeley and Elizabeth H. Evans. R. B., Ophelia, and their three daughters were buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C. The Stokeley and Elizabeth Evans family were not listed in the 1850 census of any of the parent counties of Wilson County. Robert Bruce Evans came to Wilson initially from Wilmington, N. C. according to other information in the Hugh Johnston files.]

Printing press of the 1870's.



Old Letter to Jacob Fulghum from John Pickering.

From the Hugh Johnston files.

Springfield 18th April 1818
Robertson County Tennessee

Dear Cousin,

We are still on the stage of action, being the spared favorite of the great Parent who holds the reins of government and is the source of all true happiness, both present and future; for which blessings my mortal tonge, with the quickest imagination and the most ardent desires, I am not able much less worthy to set forth the praise due to his venerable name. I can only add, praise the Lord for his kind favorable dealings with unworthy me, and my dear old ematiated companion; who I have not the smallest doubt in my mind, but she stands from day to day, in a prepared state, to meet death in all its terrific forms, and to pass through the dark valley, and shadow thereof, in the full triumph of faith, with the full assurance of a happy exit from time to endless felicity. O may it be all our happy lots to find favor there with God, by and through a dear Redeemer, and meet in a better world where there can be no more parting, where our weary souls will be forever at rest, and the wicked ceace from troubling.

(I trust we shall meet you there.)

My surviving children are well. Charles teacheth school for a Col. Williamson at $250 per year and board found; with a small farm for his family gratis. Gary teacheth at $8 per scholar a year, and has about thirty scholars. Myself am teaching for two Methodist preachers (about ten miles from home) and board the year with said preachers gratis. I return home to my son-in-law's [Henry Hart's] every Friday evening; where we have made our abode ever since he and Judith have been married; no reasonable man could desire to be better fixed (with respect to this life) than Hart is. Said Hart is a very sober, careful, industrious, and Religious young man; he bears singular praise among those of his age, both in conduct and character; which contributes much to the satisfaction of myself and companion.

Our Troops are gone on, for some time back, to quell the hostile Indians, who have, and still continue, to massacrex our men, women, and helpless Infants: We have just had a report of our Gen [Jackson] having had an engagement with the Seminole Indians, and of his defeating them with great slaughter; but the official report has not yet come to hand. West Tennessee did not suffer a draft, but turned out Volunteers [...torn...] far superior to the number called for. Even the richest men of our County turned out soldiers and before this have reached Gen. Jackson to take possession of the Floridas. Our Western Country on shortest notice can raise men enough to conquer the Indians and Spanish without much loss on our side.

We consider ourselves as living in the garden spot of America; and we mean to defend our rights and liberties at the expense of blood, if no other alternative will do. Corn is selling with us from $1.25 Cts. To $1.50 [per bbl]. A great abundance might be had at the latter price. Were it not for the Distilleries turning grain into Whiskey (which they send down the river), there would hardly be any price for grain. Bacon is at $12½ per Cwt. (Henry Hart sold 33 Cwt. The other day to a Col. Stamp, who ships it down to New Orleans.) Said Hart let said Stamp have two Rhds Tobo weighing upwards of 26 Cwt made from off barely two acres of ground; he also rais'd upwards of 100 barrels of corn besides wheat, oats.

I consider you would make a great exchange to sell your land and come to this country; as I am very certain you cannot have any views of future prospect in your children's interest in such a part of the country as you are raising them in; it's like a young Wolf, one day older, and two worse. I do not write these lines as a way either to persuade or direct, least I might draw blame on myself; but as a born fact. If I stood in your place of standing, at my advanc'd age, and were certain to live only for a month, I would sacrifice as much of that time as should take me to this country again. Praise God I have not had one day's sickness since I have been here. Lest I tire you with [...torn...] add; let me hear form you about Mother and family.

Resting yourselves assured, you have my prayers and best wishes for your present and future happiness. Accept all our loves, as though each were named, while I take the liberty to subscribe myself

Your ardent
Friend &C.
John Pickering

Mr. Jacob Fulghum
Waynesborough N. Carolina
Wayne County, Nuse River
(Meling cost: 25¢)

[Editor's note: Jacob Fulghum (1764-abt. 1830) was born in Dobbs (later Wayne) County where he had extensive land holdings in Nahunta. He was descended from Captain Anthony Fulgham of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, who arrived there from Barbados in 1623. (See Family Connections, Wilson Daily Times, May 19, 1996). Several of his children moved to the Rock Ridge area where Jacob had bought land in 1825, and their homes are still located on Fulghum Road there as is the Fulghum family cemetery (pictured in June of the 2002 WCGS calendar).
A John Pickren bought land on Great Swamp in Wayne County in 1794. In 1790, North Carolina ceded its western lands to Tennessee, which became a state in 1796. There was great migration from North Carolina to Tennessee when land grants were made available to veterans of the American Revolution. WCGS does not have any records regarding Pickering's move to Tennessee., nor of his relationship to Jacob Fulghum. The first tax list for Robertson County (in western Tennessee) was released in 1812. Dr. Bruce Pruitt's books on Tennessee land grants are available for reference in the Wilson County Public Library Genealogy Room for anyone who wishes to pursue this further, and copies may be purchased from Dr. Pruitt if desired.

From *The Sunnyside of Genealogy*

Compiled by Fonda D. Baselt

Now that I have a computer for my genealogical records, I find that my records are just as confused as before; however, now my confusion is better organized.

Jack W. Briscoe

Deceased Members—Jesse S. Barnes Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Transcribed from a certificate located by J. Robert Boykin, III.
Date of this document is estimated to be 1912.

Name	Born	Company	Reg.	Died
AJ Simms		H	40th NC Art.	
PK Kidder		H	16th NC Bat.	
Edwin Ethridge		A	55th NC St.	
William Meacum		B	47th NC St.	
AA Stallings				
Ruffin Eatman				
Richard Bullock		F	40th NC Art.	
Enos Lamm		D	Bat. Junior Res.	
DG Jackson		F	4th NC St.	
RH Matthews		D	8th NC St.	
JH Hinnant		H	Junior Reserves	
Dr. JK Ruffin		Surgeon	49th NC St.	
Rickey Jones				
RH Horne				
MT Moye	October 27, 1827	Capt. H	7th NC Calvy.	October 1, 1900
Elvin Flora		F	4th NC St.	
John T Manning		G	5th NC St.	
Thomas D Knight		F	4th NC St.	
Griffen Lewis				
TB Gilliam	December 14, 1820	B	2nd NC St.	August 20, 1904
JE Wilkins	May 20, 1835	Sgt. C	16th VA. Vol.	November 23, 1904
JR Moore			16th NC Calvy.	March 15, 1905
LD Killette	March 4, 1841	Capt. C	43rd NC St.	April 27, 1906
John I Gay	December 7, 1831	H	16th NC Calvy.	March 19, 1906
John W Moore		A	55th NC St.	
HM Warren		F	4th NC St.	February 27, 1906
WE Deans	July 10, 1842	Lieut. E	7th NC St.	June 12, 1906
Raymond Eatman	September 20, 1831	B	2nd NC St.	April 7, 1907
WH Farmer		H	16th NC Calvy.	
MM Williams		Lieut. F	4th NC Calvy.	
George W Baines	February 10, 1843	E	7th NC St.	
EM Pace		B	15th VA.	July 7, 1906
AJ Hines		G	8th NC St.	
Joe Thorpe		A	55th NC St.	
WH Applewhite		D	2nd NC St.	
Seth H Tyson		H	25th NC St.	May, 1908
John C Finch		H	4th NC Calvy.	May, 1908
John Dew		H	40th NC Calvy.	June 1, 1908
Debro Crocker		I	15th NC St.	
Thomas M Anderson			Coyts VA Bat. Art.	
WC Ferrell		Lieut. H	4th NC Calvy.	April 26, 1909
Bennett Bullock		C	43rd NC St.	March 30, 1909
Reuben Hayes		C	43rd NC St.	
William Barden		K	27th NC St.	
David Griffin		C	22nd NC St.	July 28, 1909
LT Raper		C	67th NC St.	August, 1909
Eli Felton		F	30th NC St.	November 10, 1909
RH Tomlinson		K	16th NC St.	April 27, 1910
BF Briggs		Capt. A	55th NC St.	May 11, 1910
WM Marlow		K	67th NC St.	May 16, 1910
FW Barnes	October 10, 1844	Lieut. H	4th NC Calvy.	May 30, 1910
Taylor Eatman		H	2nd NC St.	June 30, 1910
Isham Lamm		A	55th NC St.	August 6, 1910
JJ Barefoot		H	16th Calvy.	October 2, 1910
Robert Raper		H	4th NC Calvy.	November 11, 1910
TW Fulghum		I	62nd Flying Art.	December 18, 1910
Ruffin Rentfrow		D	38th NC St.	November 11, 1910
WJ Harriss	September 6, 1839		54th NC St.	May 22, 1910
RW Joyner	June 23, 1840	I	12th NC St.	May 8, 1903
John Barnes		H	40th NC Art.	November 23, 1911
IB Barden		D	27th NC St.	February 3, 1912
James A Privette	November 28, 1840	K	24th NC St.	March 1, 1912
WH Ward				
James S Woodard	February 22, 1823	Capt. C	43rd NC St.	May 4, 1912

March 26, 2002 Meeting Minutes of WCGS.

The March meeting of WCGS was a work session designed to prepare materials for the upcoming book "Wilson County Founding Families."

The meeting attendees worked diligently with the various reference materials provided to prepare family write-ups for the book.

There are over 360 family names to be included. To date, details have been provided for about one-third of these names, and there is data on hand for another one-third.

It was reported that we are receiving new submissions from members on a regular basis, but there are still many gaps to be filled. Internet users were urged to visit the web site www.wcgs.org to view the complete list of founding family names to be included and an example of a typical write-up. All submissions will be included, subject to editing for space and accuracy. Photographs will be included as space permits and are very welcome. Please do not send originals as we cannot be responsible for returning these.

Frances Roberson
Secretary

References used in this Issue:

The Stancil Family, p.38.

Information on the Celtic origins of this family came from *The Celtic Connection*, edited by Glanville Price (University College of Wales, Aberystwyth), published by Colin Sutton of Gerards Cross, Buckinghamshire, UK. The copy used was purchased in England in 1996 at Blackwell's Bookshop in Oxford during a genealogy research trip by Sue & Henry Powell.

The information on the arrival of John Stancil in America in 1683 came from the personal files of Jerry Stancil, 3425 Ward Blvd., Wilson, NC 27893. This data is widely circulated on various internet sites. We were unable to verify this from a primary source.

Proof of John Stancil's residence in Nansemond County came from "Virginia Quit Rent Rolls-1704", listed on p.406 of *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, October 1921. There is a copy in the NC State Genealogy Library in Raleigh.

WCGS Board Meeting

March 19, 2002

The WCGS board met on March 19th at the home of Henry and Sue Powell. It began with a discussion on how to conduct the next monthly meeting of the society which is to be a work shop with the members helping in the gathering and organizing of information for the forth coming book on Wilson families. We will set up tables and supply paper and pencils. The business part of the program will be held to a minimum which will allow more working time!!

Henry reported that a $4.000.00 CD matured, and he added $2.000.00 to that and so the interest plus the new addition makes a total of about $6600.00 in the Publications Fund.

There was a motion made and passed to amend the bylaws to increase membership dues to $20.00 beginning January 1, 2003. It was also decided that the treasurer's report be made for a straight calendar month rather than from WCGS meeting to WCGS meeting. This enables a preset report format accounting program to be used and will save considerable time each month.

Plans for a 2003 calendar were discussed, featuring NE Wilson County. Bulk mailing, earlier production, and possibly marketing for the proposed calendars are ways that expenses can be curtailed. Bulk mailing is much less expensive than first class. The calendars were well received by the members and was a nice promotional effort.

The "gold" catalogue needs to be reprinted, and it was agreed to make any necessary changes.

Dick Rountree was reported to have the membership surname list ready now. Printing of the list was discussed and plans were made to proceed with Dick in charge as he has so kindly volunteered to see his project finished.

The NC State Lbrary has never done anything with the Johnston files and so it was decided to see about the authorization to retrieve them and offer them to the Edgecombe County Library, if they are interested.

The Woodard entry in the March issue of Trees was discussed.

The April and May programs are to be finalized. Betty Reason will speak in April on Peter Hines of Macclesfield. The May program will be announced later.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Roberson
Secretary

The Celtic Knot, which has no beginning or ending point, is a statement of Celtic philosophy.

Members

We no longer list new members in *Trees*. Mailing and E-mail addresses seem to find their way into commercial promotional lists, and *Trees* is distributed to a number of locations from which names could be obtained.

A list of members, addresses, and surnames of interest is mailed to individual members each year

Queries

Questions about Wilson County families may be emailed to WilsonNC@Yahoogroups.com or to ancestor@wcgs.org.

Queries from WCGS members will be automatically posted. Queries from non-members may be posted on the internet discussion group at the discretion of WCGS.

To become a member of the list, visit our web site at http://www.wcgs.org

Go to the "discussion" section to view previous queries and answers or to join the group or post a query.

WCGS members have full posting privileges for the E-group.

Notice

The Wilson County Public Library is no longer open on Thursday evenings due to budget cuts from the State and the County. It is open Mon-Wed 9:00 AM 9:00 PM, Thurs-Sat. 9:00 AM-6:PM

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TREES OF WILSON

Wilson's Family Heritage

Chronicles of the
Wilson County Genealogical Society

May 2002 Volume 11 Number 5

President's Message

Hello,

WCGS adopted By-laws in May 1991 which then became the working rules for the Society. These bylaws have been amended several times over the years; however, we recently overheard a member comment at a monthly meeting that no one had ever seen the bylaws. It has been a long time since copies were circulated, and we need to remedy this. In reviewing our computer copy, it became obvious there was a need for some technical corrections, so this is now being done. These are not further amendments, but wording changes to keep everything in conformity.

The corrected, amended bylaws will be printed in a future issue of ***Trees*** and on a periodic basis from then on. I think it is important for members to know that WCGS is operated by a Board elected by the members. There is no single person in charge or who is credited with full responsibilities. As President, I act within the policies and guidance set by the Board. No individual can speak for WCGS. Only the Board can do this and only when meeting as a Board. Board meeting minutes are printed in Trees each quarter following the quarterly meetings.

Credit for the Bylaws goes to the late J. Marshall Daniel, Jr., who left us with a very workable document which has guided WCGS successfully for over ten years and hopefully for many more years to come. I have observed neighboring societies who work without such a plan, and have seen the potential problems which arise when you do not have a solid plan to follow and follow that plan to the letter.

The Board recently approved a gift to the Wilson County Library of the 1930 census microfilm. The Library has not yet accepted the offer. We urge Dr. Valentine to respond.

Sue Powell

May 28th Meeting

Each year, WCGS tries to schedule a "field trip" to a regional facility with genealogical resources so that our members can expand their own knowledge and experience in conducting research.

In past years, we have visited the N. C. State Archives for a behind-the-scenes look at the "stacks" of documents housed there (mind-boggling) and a review of how best to access these. We have also visited the East Carolina North Carolina Collection and learned the secrets of their inner sanctum where the really good stuff is stored. We have visited Heritage Place at Lenoir Community College to get an overview of their growing collection, and we made a visit to the LDS Family History Library in Goldsboro for a detailed insight into their monumental collection. Last year, our trip was to the Olivia Raney Library in Raleigh—the Wake County facility dedicated to family history.

We will carpool from the Library at 6:30 PM on Tuesday May 28. Please park beside Benton Office Supply on Jackson Street. We will have a tour of the new facility hosted by Reece Ferrell and have some time for personal browing. We will expect to be home by about 9:30 PM. All reports indicate that this is a superb effort and well worth the visit.

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Membership Votes for Dues Increase in 2003.

Based on the recommendation approved by the WCGS Board, the membership endorsed this amendment with a majority vote at the April meeting.

This action increases the annual dues for an individual or institutional member to $20 for the calendar year, and under the existing terms of the Bylaws, allows for a family membership of $25 for two individuals in the same household who receive one newsletter. Junior membership (under 18) will continue to be charged at the actual cost of production of ***Trees.***

The new membership dues also include an additional mailing each year, that being the annual calendar. The first issue, for 2002, was well received, and the Board felt that it should become an annual feature to be mailed in December of each year.

The membership dues for WCGS had not changed since 1996, despite several postage increases. Gaining official non-profit status allowed WCGS to reduce the cost per copy of mailing to compensate for these increases. However; the latest increase, set for this summer, combined with the addition of the calendar, would put WCGS in the red for member services. The increase was necessary.

Just a reminder that with the 501(c) 3 status granted to WCGS by the IRS, we may accept tax deductible donations. Please remember WCGS in your annual donations list. All donations go into the publications fund to go toward furthering the purposes of the Society as stated in the Bylaws which includes the printing of new books for the Society and for possible contributions to the Public Library.

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Family Connections
Wilson Daily Times April 16, 2002

Our local Stancil family, Part II

Continuing the Stancil family from March, with help from Jerry Stancil.

In our March column we detailed the possible origin of our local Stancil family beginning with a Celtic tribe in Romania some 7,000 years ago who later found their home and family name in West Yorkshire in England. The first record of a Stancil in America was the arrival of John Stancil from England in 1683 aboard the ship "Mary," who arrived on November 6 and settled in Nansemond County, Virginia. Sometime before 1695, he married Katherine Hardy, also from an English immigrant family. We have no public records from this period as there were several courthouse fires in Nansemond County which destroyed all official records. There are various other records available, although spotty. These include some church records, but we found nothing regarding John and Katherine Stancil.

Little is known about the life of John Stancil prior to his arrival in America. There are many researchers working on the history of this family, and one claims to have found a record showing that John worked as a young man in the city of York (about 45 miles to the north of the hamlet of Stancil in West Yorkshire) where he saved his money and booked passage from London to Virginia. Another record shows that John was born in 1662, in the County of Middlesex (now part of greater London). In either case, he was a young man at the time of his arrival, and his age of about 21 years suggests that he might have completed an apprenticeship, then being free to find his own destiny.

Nansemond County was once the western portion of Norfolk County and is located adjacent to the North Carolina-Virginia border to the south of the James River. The entire county was annexed by the City of Suffolk some years ago and does not exist as a county any longer although it has preserved a strongly rural character. This was a popular destination for new immigrants in the second half of the 17th century because of available land and religious freedom, being relatively far removed from the oppressive colonial government at Jamestown.

Nansemond County was probably named for the local tribe of native Americans who lived there, noted historically as peaceful and friendly to the English settlers. There are some records of marriages between settlers and native women, and we have several members of our local genealogical society who proudly claim membership in the Nansemond tribe. Our local Bass family are all probably descended from Keziah Tucker, daughter of Robin, 17th century chieftain of the tribe. Keziah married John Basse, son of the English immigrant, Nathaniel Basse.

John and Katherine Stancil are listed as owners of 500 acres of land in Nansemond County in 1704. An examination of maps of that period suggests that this land may have been in or near the present limits of the Town of Suffolk which is less than 20 miles north of the North Carolina state line and lies on the western border of the Great Dismal Swamp which remains mostly a wilderness to this day.

John and Katherine Stancil had three children: John, Jr. (bef 1700-1750), William (1697-1767) and Peter (1701-1740). All three sons moved to North Carolina as adults where their descendants form the Stancil family of eastern North Carolina and other points throughout the United States.

The early settlement of North Carolina was unplanned and uncoordinated. One of the first settlers of record was Nathaniel Basse, son of Keziah and John Basse, who built a fur trader's cabin on the shores of the Albemarle Sound possibly in the 1650s. With the absence of civil

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Thomas Farmer Family
Summitted by Grace Benson Smith, Raleigh, NC

[editor: WCGS has previously published a column on the Farmer family (October 2000). Ms. Smith's entry follows one particular family member who "moved away" and settled in Johnston County and, as such, is a valuable extension to the earlier article]

Thomas Farmer, who came to Virginia in 1616, was among the first four or five thousand English settlers in Virginia. It is a matter of history that in 1616 there were only about five hundred English settlers living in Virginia out of several thousand who had come to Virginia since Jamestown was settled in 1607. The rest had died of malaria, starvation, hardship or had been killed by the Indians. The Mayflower arrived at Massachusetts in 1620, four years after Thomas Farmer arrived in Virginia.

Thomas was bom in England when Queen Elizabeth I was the ruler. He came to the "New World" on the ship "Tryall" with the consent of King James I. He survived the Indian Massacre of 1622 and lived in the "Neck of Land" area west of Jamestown as of February 16, 1623/24. He was a member of the House of Burgess on 24 March 1629/30 representing "College and Neck of Land" in the General Assembly of Virginia in 1629/30.

Two known sons of Thomas Farmer are Thomas Farmer II, bom 1656 (married Ann) and Henry Farmer bom about 1657. (From manuscript by Hugh Johnston, Jr. of Wilson NC, 1950s): "Thomas II lived in Charles Parish, York County, Virginia until 1681. He moved across the James River and was listed as a private foot soldier in the Surry County Militia in 1687. *On* October 21, 1687, Thomas wrote to the Virginia Council at James City and asked William Foreman to acquaint the Court that he was lame and sick, not being able to
walk or ride, and to get leave for his case to be referred to the next Court. He was probably engaged in some sort ofCommerical enterprise, but there is no positive record of the nature of it. The date of his death is not known".

His son Thomas Farmer III was bom in 1681 in Charles Parish, York County, VA. In 1704 Thomas III
married Agnes Nicholson. In 1721/22 he applied to the Court to keep an Ordinary or Inn at his plantation.
His death was reported to the Court on August 21, 1723.
By 1728, Agnes Farmer had married James Bynum according to the Quaker manner, without proper legal or Church of England formalities, for they were hailed into Court "for evil cohabitation together." By 1732-33
James Bynum had moved the family to Edgecombe County, NC. The five children of Thomas Farmer and
Agnes Nicholson who came to Edgecombe Co., NC were: Thomas, James, William, Isaac, and Elizabeth Farmer.

Thomas Farmer, the first bom of Thomas Farmer III and Agnes Nicholson patented over a thousand acres in the present Johnston County prior to its formation from Craven County in 1746. He was a Quaker and lived in various

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authority, others soon came behind and simply chose whatever land they wanted or could bargain for with the local Yeopim Tribe. In 1663, North Carolina became Albemarle Province with a governor (Drummond) at which time there were estimated to be about 4,000 colonial residents. By 1721, when Peter Stancil and his wife (thought by family lore to be a Nansemond Indian) settled on Kendreck's Creek in Chowan County (Deed Book C, No. 1) they were surrounded by neighbors, many also having come from nearly Nansemond County. This area, near Plymouth, later became part of Tyrell County.

Peter had 5 children: Martha, John, Catherine, Samuel and Sarah. Peter was dead by 1740 in Tyrell County where guardians were appointed for the care of the children. They must have gone to live with brothers John Jr. or William as there is no further record of them in that county.

John Stancil, Jr. married Sarah Godfrey Smithwick about 1719 in Nansemond County. They moved to Chowan/ Tyrell County where their 5 children were born: John III (1723-1795), Elizabeth Barbra (1728-1783), Rebecca , Mary and Godfrey (1734-1789). John, Jr. died in Edgecombe County.

William Stancil (son of John and Katherine) married Mary Griffin and had 4 children: William Jr. (1740-?), Peter (1742-?), Nathan and Mary. William Jr. moved to South Carolina where his line can be traced.

John III moved from Edgecombe to Johnston County, NC, where he founded the large Stancil family there today. Godfrey remained in Edgecombe County and founded the line which remains in the Conetoe/Bethel area
. Following the Johnston County line (of Stancil's Chapel), John III married Mary Sutton (d 1807) and had John IV, Mary, Jonathan (1773-1847), Nathan (1775-?), Sally, Elizabeth, Godfrey (1781-1855) and Rebecca. Godfrey moved to Pitt County where he married Sarah Nobles in 1765 and had Noble, Godfrey Jr, Nathan and Jesse.

Our local Stancil founding family member is William H. Stancil (1855-1913) of Gardner's Township, son of Thomas Stancil (1818-1891) of Edgecombe County who was possibly a descendant of Godfrey Stancil (1734-1789, son of John Stancil, Jr.) of that same county. There are also Josiah (1843-1921) and Trecinda Renfrow Stancil (1847-1915), both born in Johnston County, who married and moved to Wilson County in 1867 where they lived and died in Lucama. Josiah was a grandson of John IV (1770-1815).

There are dozens more pages of Stancils descending from those listed above. Hopefully this will give our readers some idea of where to start when tracing their own Stancil line if interested. The best assistance comes when you ask for help, which is generally available on Monday and Thursday afternoons at the Wilson County Public Library from WCGS volunteers. The well-stocked genealogy/local history room has a wealth of family history reference material as well as publications of WCGS available for purchase (cemeteries and censuses). , PO Box 802, Wilson 27894. Tel: 252-243-1660.

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Quaker settlements before dying in Chowan County. James Farmer patented land in Johnston County, established the Farmer line there and died in Johnston County in 1761. William Farmer patented 367 acres on Trent River in Craven Co., NC. So far as this writer knows his line is currently untraced. Isaac Farmer, bom 1711 in Surry Co., VA., died in Edgecombe Co., NC and is buried in what is now known as Wilson County. He married Elizabeth Braswell in Halifax County. Elizabeth Farmer married Nicholas Porter and they both died in Johnston Co., NC.

Isaac Farmer purchased land from James Farmer adjoining Nicholas Porter's on Deep Creek. He later patented another 268 acres adjoining his original 120 acres. For some unknown reason in 1760, Isaac Farmer was living in Halifax County, NC and sold his lands in Edgecombe Co. In 1761, he returned to Edgecombe Co.,purchasing 200 acres on Toisnot (Tosneant) Swamp in lower Edgecombe Co. On February 25, 1770, shortly before his death, he deeded this land to his son, Isaac Farmer, Jr. He is buried in comer of the woods and up from Toisnot swamp. His home stood 3 to 4 hundred feet east of the graveyard.

Isaac Farmer and Elizabeth Braswell were the parents of two sons who served in the American Revolution. This writer was accepted into the DAR as a descendent of their son Joseph Farmer. bom 1750 and died October 12, 1794. He married Zilphia Bames in 1775. He lived in Edgecombe County and had by his death in 1794 acquired about 800 acres of land.

Joseph's brother, Benjamin Farmer was a Revolutionary soldier at age 19. He married Elizabeth Dew before 1775. Benjamin enlisted in the Revolutionary War in 1781 and served in Capt. Lytle's Company; Tenth North Carolina Regiment. While fighting in the War he was wounded in the elbow. One source indicated death in 1826. Another source (Hugh Johnston source) indicated birth date as 1766 and death in 1850. His grave and marker is located in the small Farmer Family cemetery on the comer of Pine and Kenan Street near Charles L. Coon School in Wilson, NC. The Thomas Hadley Chapter of the Wilson DAR placed a boulder with a bronze plaque in the Farmer cemetery to the memory of Benjamin Farmer, a Revolutionary soldier. Benjamin donated land to old "Toisnot Primitive Baptist Church" for building and graveyard. One source says this location later became part of Wilson, NC and was on the comer of Tarboro and Bames Street.

The lineage for this writer comes from Isaac Sr. (1711-1770) through his son, Joseph (1750-1794) to his son Asa (1776-1851) to his son James Jackson Farmer (1815-1885) to his daughter Amanda Elizabeth Farmer (1874-1955) grandmother to the writer. She married my grandfather, John Stephen Davis (1871-1943) on August 09, 1892 in Johnston County, North Carolina.

Asa Farmer was only eighteen years old when his father, Joseph Farmer died. He assumed the head of the household in Edgecombe County until 1814. He married Elizabeth (?) probably in Edgecombe County. On February 5, 1814, he purchased land in Johnston County on Hardcastle Branch outside Clayton in the Powhatan Community and had moved there by 1815. Asa Farmer originally purchased about 466 acres of land in Johnston County and in his will written April 16, 1847 he left it to his son James Jackson.

Asa had six children bom in Edgecombe County: Merab (1799), Rhina (1799), Sally (1803), Joseph (1805), John B. (1811), and James Jackson Farmer, (1815). In his will Asa makes it clear that none of his children are to marry. His will reads in part: "First I give and bequeath unto my beloved son James Jackson Farmer all my lands and tenements after my decease, and to my son John B. Farmer to live on the said land so long as he may think proper as he now lives provided he and the others can agree. For my three daughters to live on the said land so long as they may remain single." He mentions a granddaughter, Sophia Farmer, daughter of Sally. Joseph married Mary Mitchener and he is not mentioned in the will. John B. married (unknown), but it must have been after his father died in 1851. James Jackson apparently remained a batchelor until April 23, 1871, when at the age of 56, he married Rutha Jane Jones, the 21-year old daughter of a neighbor. According to family tradition, this was a love match and Jane was disowned by her father for many years. Jack and Jane had three children and farmed the land he had received from Asa Farmer. In the spring of 1885, Jack and Jane fell ill with "Spring Fever". Jack died first, probably due to complications and age. Jane was so grieved at the loss of Jack that she died within a few days. The children were left in the care of Jane's father, Isaac W. Jones, Sr. Jack and Jane's remains, and other family members, lie in a Park like setting at the entrance to Glen Ridge subdivision which was once a part of the Farmer Plantation.

Information for the early Farmers came from "A Farmer Book" A Genealogy Collected and compiled by Ellery Farmer Col. US Army, retired, assisted by Mrs. Alice V D Pierrepont, and by other members of the Farmer family. Other sources: Cousin Patricia Otto Godwin, other family members, family records, cemetery records, and personal knowledge.

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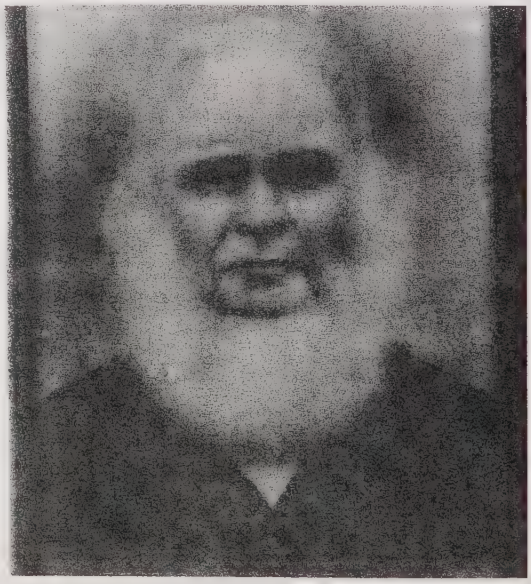

James Jackson Farmer, b. Edgecombe/Johnston Co. ca 1815, son of Asa and Elizabeth Barnes Farmer.

World War I Draft Registrations from Wilson County, NC: Jones Registrants

Submitted bv Lisa Y. Henderson, Atlanta, GA

NAME	AGE	BIRTHDATE	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	NEAREST RELATIVE	RA.
William T. Jones	30	1887	301 Railroad, B.C.	Bicycle shop		B
Willie Jones	23	9/10/1884	RFD 1, Sims	Farmer		B
Willie C. Jones	21	6/8/1896	Atlantic St.	William Harris	Louisa Jones	B
Willis Jones	24	12/1/1892	Wilson Co.	Farmer		B

NAME	AGE	BIRTHDATE	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	NEAREST RELATIVE	RA.
Ardelius Jones	30	2/14/1887	Fountain	Farmer		W
Benjamin Bryant Jones	44	1/16/1873	RFD 2, Fremont	Farmer, Frank Lancaster	Winnie Jones, wife	W
Benjamin Samuel Jones	29	9/1/1887	Stantonsburg	Carpenter, C.V. York, Raleigh		W
Bud Jones	37	7/20/1881	RFD 1, Sims	Farmer, D.D. Flowers	Emma Jones	B
Butler Jones	39	12/5/1879	808 E. Nash St.	Carpenter[1]	Mertie Jones, wife	B
Charlie Jones	23	8/20/1893	Wilson Co.	Farmer, J.H. Jones		B
Charlie Jones	45	4/7/1873	514 S. Lodge St.	Farmer, W.E. Batts	Frances Jones, wife	B
Charlie Felix Jones	45	3/23/1873	RFD 3, Wilson	Farmer, T.W. Tilghman	Fannie Jones, wife	W
Charlie Thomas Jones	39	10/15/1878	E. Nash St.	Preaching	Gertrude Jones, wife	B
Charles Walter Jones	45	3/3/1873	RFD 6, Wilson	Farmer, R.L. Woodard	Lucy Williams, sister[2]	W
Connie Jones	24	12/2/1893	Wilson Co.	Farmer, Earnest Jones		B
Currie Jones	24	3/18/1890[3]	Elm City	Farmer, John Farmer		B
Darcy Jones	23	7/5/1893[4]	Wilson	Farmer		W
Earnest Jones	26	1/2/1891	Wilson Co.	Farmer	Tom Jones	B
Ed Jones	26	4/5/1891[5]	RFD 2, Wilson	Convict – misdemeanant		B
Eliga Jones	18	11/16/1899	RFD 6, Wilson	Farmer, Jesse Carter	Martha Moore	W
Eppie Jones	19	11/29/1898	Sims	Laborer, J.M. Burnette	Ida Jones	B
Ernest Jones[6]	22	10/23/1895[7]	Elm City	Farmer, James Jones		B
Frank Jones	21	2/23/1896[8]	Woodard Line, W'n	Farm laborer, Frank Webb		B
George Jones	37	9/12/1881	Sims	Tenant farmer, S.W. Flowers	Martha Jones	B
George Felton Jones	20	9/16/1898	RFD 2, Kenly	Farmer, John Jones	John Jones	W
George Turner Jones	37	1881	RFD 1, Sims	Tenant farmer	Minnie Jones	B
Henry Ervin Jones	19	7/11/1899	RFD 1, Walst'burg	Farmer, Joe E. Craft	Bill Jones	W
Ira Jones	21	11/24/1895[9]	Elm City	Farmer, James Jones		B
Jack Calvin Jones	20	3/19/1898	Greenstill, Wilson	Mechanic, Hackney Wagon		W

1 Worked for Boyle-Robertson Construction Co., Camp Hill, Newport News, Va.
2 Sister lived in Elm City, NC.
3 Born in Wayne Co., NC.
4 Born in Greene Co., NC.
5 Born in Chatham Co., NC.
6 Lame back.
7 Born in Mount Olive, NC.
8 Born in Kinston, NC.
9 Born in Mount Olive, NC.

NAME	AGE	BIRTHDATE	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	NEAREST RELATIVE	RA.
Jake Jones	34	8/13/1884	RFD 1, Sims	Tenant farmer, Albert Boswell	Mahalie Jones	B
James Jones	30	2/24/1887[10]	Wilson Co.	Farmer, D.D. Flowers		B
James Jones[11]	41	3/31/1877	RFD 3, Walst'burg	Farmer, Andrew Windham	Vernie Jones	W
James Franklin Jones	41	3/25/1877	RFD 4, Wilson	Tenant, L.P. Woodard		W
James Franklin Jones	38	1/16/1880	RFD 2, Stant'burg	Farmer, R.W. Shackleford	Eveline Jones	W
James Oren Jones	18	1/17/1900	RFD 1, Sharp'burg	Farm laborer, Mark Jones	Mark Jones	W
James Stephen Jones	41	10/12/1876	RFD 6, Wilson	Farmer	Florence Jones	W
James Wiley Jones	29	8/1/1887[12]	314 Pine St.	Mechanic, buggy shop[13]		W
Jasper Jones	42	7/18/1876	RFD 3, Walst'burg	Farmer	Emma Jones	B
Jesse Elie Jones	37	12/10/1881	RFD 1, Wilson	Farmer, George R. Dew	Mary Addie Jones	W
Jesse Thomas Jones	27	5/9/1890	Stantonsburg	Farmer		W
Jimmy Jones	21	5/29/1897	101 Lodge St.	B.J. Boyles	Stella Jones, wife	B
John Jones	25	11/14/1892[14]	RFD 3, Kenly	Farmer		B
John Jones jr.	21	10/16/1896	Elm City	Stone quarry, Beckley CT		B
John Alce Jones	41	10/25/1877	RFD 1, Sims	Farmer	Bettie Jones	B
John Baptist Jones	18	10/17/1899	RFD 2, Wilson	Tenant farmer, Jessie Deans	Sallie Jones	B
John Melvin Jones	36	1/15/1882	RFD 3, Kenly	Farmer	Martha E. Jones	W
J.R. Jones	27	10/4/1890	Carolina St.	Laborer, P.D. Gold Publishing		B
Joseph Jones	39	6/5/1879	RFD 4, Wilson	Farmer, L.P. Woodard	Termie Jones	W
Joseph Jones jr.	39	2/2/1879	Stantonsburg	Farmer	Jennie Jones, wife	B
Joseph John Jones	43	10/30/1874	RFD 6, Wilson	Farmer, Paul Moore	Celia Jones	W
Joshua Elias Jones	40	10/27/1877	RFD 6, Wilson	Farmer	Nora Jones, wife	W
Levi Hunter Jones	41	4/13/1877	117 Pender St.	Barber, self-employed	Tempy Jones	B
Lewis Jones	18	6/2/1900	RFD 2, Fremont	Farmer, Clinton Davis		B
Lonnie C. Jones[15]	23	3/27/1894	Stantonsburg	Barber		W
Mark Jones	42	3/14/1876	RFD 1, Sharp'burg	Farmer	Mrs. Mark Jones	W
Martin Edward Jones	34	8/20/1884	Nash St.	Lineman[16]	Hellen Pugh Jones	W

10 Born in Nash Co., NC.
11 In bad health.
12 Born in Louisburg, NC.
13 Hackney Brothers.
14 Born in Nash Co., NC.
15 Claimed an exemption, but registrar noted "there are several other boys that help take care of the family."

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NAME	AGE	BIRTHDATE	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	NEAREST RELATIVE	RA.
Oscar Jones	33	3/2/1885	RFD 2, Stant'burg	Farmer, J.F. Thigpen	Susan Jones	B
Redden Jones	19	12/29/1898	RFD 4, Wilson	Tenant farmer, W.M. Woodard	L.P. Woodard	W
Richard Jones	30	1/1/1887	Wilson Co.	Farmer		B
Robert Catesby Jones	42	11/18/1876		Merchant broker	Mary B. Jones, mother	W
Roscoe Jones	18	6/12/1900	RFD 6, Wilson	Farm laborer, W.H. Applewhite	Joseph Jones	B
Rossie Wright Jones[17]	25	6/12/1891[18]	109 W. Hines St.	Car inspector[19]		W
Saulsey Jones	39	1/25/1879	Faison St.	Laborer, Hackney Wagon	Ida Jones	B
Silvester Jones	18	7/10/1900	RFD 2, Wilson	Convict		B
Sylvester Jones[20]	30	10/25/1886	Wilson Co.	Farmer, M.R. Flowers		B
Tom Jones	41	5/25/1877	RFD 4, Wilson	Farmer, W.M. Woodard	L.P. Woodard	W
Tom Jones	29	1/4/1888	Wilson Co.	Farmer, Amos Hayes		W
Vaden Jones	21	5/10/1896[21]	504 Academy St.	J.B. Tucker		W
Walter Jones	40	3/20/1878		Laborer, Imperial Tobacco	Gladys Jones	B
Walter Lee Jones	24	5/17/1893	RFD 6, Wilson	Farmer, Will Graves		W
Wesley Jones	28	9/20/1889	825 Stantonsburg	Laborer, Contentnea Grave		B
Wiley Jones	18	4/27/1900	108 East St.	Waste porter	Márian Jones	B
William Jones	24	3/20/1894	Wilson Co.	Farmer, Tom Jones		B
William Edward Thomas Jones	45	12/22/1875	RFD 1, Fountain	Farm laborer, John Eagle		B
William Henry Jones	42	3/5/1876	602 Daniel St.	Plumber, J.E. Alphin	Mary Jones	B
William Henry Jones[22]	41	8/1/1877	RFD 1, Sims	Tenant farmer		B
William Henry Jones	45	1/16/1873	Sims	Manager of mercantile co.[23]	Fannie C. Jones	W
William Joshway Jones	34	10/15/1883	RFD 3, Elm City	Farmer	Cora Jones	W
William Murray Jones	32	2/16/1880	302 Nash St.	Tobacco buyer, Watson	Jeanette Jones, wife	W
Willie Jones	20	1897[24]	Black Creek	Farmer		B
Willie Jones	25	9/1/1892		Farmer, Richard Jones		B

16 Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co.
17 "One eye completely out."
18 Born in Nash Co., NC.
19 Norfolk & Southern Railroad Company.
20 Described as having gray eyes.
21 Born in Johnston Co., NC.
22 "Sick."
23 J.M. Burnett
24 Born in Greene Co., NC.

1792 Petition to Open Contentnea Creek for Navigation

*Excerpt from **Early Petitions and Lists of Wilson, North Carolina, 1755-1866**. Compiled by Hugh B. Johnston. (A copy of this unpublished manuscript is shelved in the Wilson County Public Library.)*

"The petition of a number of Inhabitants of Nash County, to open the Navigation of Contentnea Creek" was presented in the North Carolina Senate on November 29 and in the House of Commons on November 30, 1792. (Legislative Papers, Senate November 16-30, 1792. L. P. 116)

To the Ornable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina

Whereas your Humble Petitioners Requests that the ornable assemble will take Into Their Consideration the Navigation of Great Quotankney Creek From Whear It Is opened at James Cobb (Landing) on the Said Creek up to the Fork as the Said Creek would be of Great Benefit and advantage to the Subscribers as also to the Publick at Large on a Count of Boating and Fishing. Wee your humble petitioners Pray that your orneble Body may take the above under your Serious Consideration and Deal by us as your Wisdom Shall then think Fit and wee your Petitioners Shall Ever think our Selves in Duty Bound To Serve you.

William Spicer
Robert Newsom
Jossey Woodward
John Bateman
Garry Simms
John Doudna
John Cohoon
Joseph Cohoon
Benjamin Simms
Hardy Thorn
Morris Mitchell
David Woodward
Thomas Airs
John Robinson
Jesse Farmer
Asael Farmer
William Prestcot
Michael Williams
Jeremiah Bateman
John Deloach
Charles Laurence
Claborn Spive
John Martin Nicholls

Joel Dickson, Sener
William Simmn
John Murry, juner
David Peelle
Timothy Exell
Averit Farmer
Henry Doudna
John Smith
Benjamin Sims
Joseph Simms
Willis Cale
A. Walke
Isom Watson
Shadrack Simms
Simon Simms
Asel Brown

(A second and similar copy of the petition added another list of petitioners.)

W^{m}. Hunt
Nathan Smith
Francis Boykin
Jesse Roddus (Rogers)
Stephen Grice

Joel Davis
Esaias Bateman
John Cowser (?)
Robin Masingill
Bartholomew Piek (?)
Lott Maund
James Owens
Theophilus Rose
Thos. Wiggins
Henry Massingill
Ebenezer Smith
Thos N. Cartwright
Samuel Deloach
William Braswell
Josiah Swearingham
Nathan Clark
Giddrom (x) Hays
Jacob Lamb
Nathaniel Seet
Benjamin Seet
Wm. Jones
Thomas Brown
Samuel Nersworthy

Matthew Boykin Discharge, contributed by J. Robert Boykin III

Matthew Boykin of Captain Stinson Little's Company (I), of the 1st Regiment Ark, Vol. was enlisted by Captain Little at Monticello, Drew County Arkansas (to serve for (2) two years) on the 22nd of February 1862. He was bom in Nash County, State of North Carolina, is 34 years old, 5 ft 9 inches tall, light complexion, blue eyes, auburn hair, was by occupation when enlisted a farmer, said soldier has been unfit for duty since the 10th of April.

Stinson Little, Capt.
Co. (I) 1st Regt.Ark.Vol.

I certify that I have carefully examined the said M. Boykin of Captain S. Little's Company, Co. I 1st Ark. and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier, because of a gunshot wound in the leg, received at the battle ofShiloh April 6th 1862. Trysipelas (?) supervened upon the wound, which has left so much thickening and induration of the tissues; as well as producing auchiplosis (?) of the ankle joint, that there is no probability of his being fit for duty in any definite period of time.

Joseph N. McDowell, Surgeon
By L.E. Profilet, Assistant Surgeon
Blind Asylum Hospital Jackson, Miss. July 7th 1862.

AB Cabarris
Post Surgeon

1792 Don't Open Contentnea Creek Petition

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To The Honorable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina

The Petition of Sundry inhabitants of the State of North Carolina suscbribed humbly Sheweth that they are informed a petition will be presented to the next General Assembly for the purpose of opening Contentnea Creek from Cobbs Landing to the fork thereof. Your petitioners further sheweth that there is three water Grist mills erected across the said Creek Between the said Landing and fork the lowest of which has been standing upwards of twenty Years uninterrupted and which mills are of the Greatest benefit to the inhabitants in General. Your petitioners further Sheweth and represent that at the lowest mill across the said Creek there is a very considerable falls, and cannot be made navigable above the same, as the smallness and the shortness of the said Creek above the falls and many inconveniences renders a navigation above the said falls intirely impracticable, and would tend to the Great injury inconvenience and burthen to the inhabitants in General the distance from the lowest mill to the upper is about Ten miles-----your petitioners Therefore humbly pray that no Act of Assembly may be passed that will tend in anywise to injure the said mills further than to open a passage for fish in the fish season and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c----July A. D. 1792

Elisha Grimes
Joseph Daniel
Absalom Bruce
Levi Daniel
William Robertson
John Reason
Josiah Talton
Jesse Amison
Aziel Bruce
Lemmon Barnes
Josiah Amason
John Marchment
Edm^{d}. Tarkelling (?)
Hez Cartwright
John Chester
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THOMAS P. BRASWELL OBITUARY

ZION'S LANDMARK, May 1, 1907

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Brother Braswell was born in Edgecombe, N. C., in 1833, and died in Nash county, N. C., March 5, 1907. He was a very successful man in business, possessing liberal views, public spirited, energetic, of good judgment, and wielded a strong influence in his country. He was a man of integrity in business, a large farmer, and possessor of much cattle and stock of other kind. He left three sons, all successful business men. His widow, Sister Braswell, was his faithful companion, devoted to him and mourns his departure. They loved each other and lived, it appeared to me, as husband and wife should live, each seeking the comfort of the other, and walking in the love of truth and upright living.

In November, 1897, Brother Braswell united with the church at the Falls of Tar River, and was baptized by the writer who preached his funeral in the month of March last.

He was a good, useful member of the church in his last days, and was active and vigorous up to almost the last day of his life, when he fell asleep unexpectedly to his own family even.

P. D. Gold

Who Was the Mother of Rebecca Barnes? Lessons in Sound Genealogical Research

By Sue Evans Powell

Document your research

Shortly after I began research into my family, I contacted a cousin who had been researching the Evans family. She willingly shared with me the information that she had compiled, and I dutifully made notes of that which I did not have. Among those items was the statement that the mother of Rebecca Barnes, my great grandmother, was Rhoda Copeland. When I asked her where she found that information, she could not tell me. She had not documented her research. She told me of possible sources, none of which contained that fact.

I did find that the LDS records stated that Rhoda Copeland was the wife of Bunyan Barnes and the mother of Rebecca Barnes. However, I knew that the LDS records are contributed material and that no effort has been made to verify the contributed data.

Everyone I contacted who had information on this family gave Rhoda Copeland as Rebecca's mother, but no one had a verifiable source. I was not satisfied without documentation.

Follow all clues
Always go to the original source

Meanwhile I found the abstract of a marriage record of Bunyan Barnes and Elizabeth Copeland which was included in the Wayne County February 1847 county court minutes. The abstract stated, "Marriage contract—Bunyon Barnes to Elizabeth Copeland (Bunyan Barnes married his first wife (name not given) after their son (William Barnes) was born—she died in 1830—son William now about 17 years of age.) As I analyzed this, I thought of the 1850 Wayne County Federal Census which listed Bunyan, Rhoda, William, age 21, and eleven other children, among them Rebeca, age 15. William was about the right age, but if this was my Bunyan, neither the first wife who died in 1830 nor Elizabeth Copeland could have been the mother of Rebecca or nine of the other ten children. At this point, I discounted this information as not being relevant to my family thus making two mistakes. I did not follow a clue and I did not go to the original record.

Follow all clues
Expand Your Search

Fortunately, some of the family correspondence of this part of my family has survived and been kept intact having been saved by Rebecca, then by her son Glenn Junius Evans, then June's grandson, my first cousin, Albert Evans. Albert's daughter preserved the items in archival products, and Albert gave me photocopies of most of the items. Among them was a letter written December 24, 1858, from Niagra Falls, N. C., by E. I. Pearce which was addressed to "Dear Couson." Finally remembering to follow all clues, I tried to determine who E. I. Pearce was and who he was addressing as cousin.

Niagra Falls, N. C., still has not been identified although I now have an idea about it. Since gazetteers did not list Niagra Falls in North Carolina, I then went to the 1850 North Carolina Census index and found an E. I. Pearce in Johnston County, so off I went to the Johnston County records. Having known that Bunyan, Rhoda, and family lived in the section of Wayne County that became part of Wilson County in 1855, I had not previously looked in Johnston County.

There I had an "Eureka!" experience. I found E. I. Pearce, and I also found a Rhoda Pearce who was the wife of William Pool. William died leaving minor children including Rhoda Pool. By 1831, Rhoda Pool's guardian was Theophilus Pool. At the February 1831 Johnston County court, the court ordered that Bunyan Barns be appointed Guardian to Rhoda Barnes in room of Theo. Pool.

The rest of the story
Read the original record

As I stated at the beginning, all research should be documented by the original source, and the original record of any abstract should be read. I must confess that I still have not had time to do this for all of my research. However, I have been reminded that abstractors may misinterpret what they read or make errors in transcription.

The *Old Dobbs Trail*, Vol. 18, Nos. 4, 5 & 6, page 9 includes this transcription:

Petitions to Legitimate Children (1830-1839 broken series) Wayne Co., NC Miscellaneous Records (NC Archives CR 103.928.11)

Bunyan Barnes } In Wayne Co.
Exparte } Febry term 1847

Upon the hearing of this petition it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that William Barnes is the reputed son of the petitioner Bunyan Barnes, born of the body of Elisabeth Copeland, and is now about Seventeen years of age and it further appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that the petitioner Bunyan Barnes was lawfully married to the said Elisabeth Copeland the mother of the said William Barnes, after the birth of said William and continued to live with her as his wife until her death in 1830—and the petitioner now applying to the Court to have the said William Barnes legitimated. It is ordered, adjudged & decreed by the Court and the Court doth accordingly So order, adjudge and decree that the Said William Barnes be and he is hereby legitimated to all intents & purposes as the Son of the petitioner Bunyan Barnes and it is further ordered that the Costs of this petition be paid by the petitioner.

[on reverse] Bunyan Barnes
Exparte
Decree

["In room of" means "in the place of." Ex parte has several definitions, two of which are "uncontested by any person adversely affected," and "a report prepared by one contestant which has not been countered by the views of opponents." *A to Zax, A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians,* compiled by Barbara Jean Evans]

[editor: see reference on p. 69 to Niagara in Johnston County]

Minutes, Meeting of April 23, 2002

Meeting was called to order by President, Sue Powell. Minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed and the Treasurer's report was read.

Members were reminded that we will not restock the Roy Taylor books when the remaining few copies have been sold. Sue reported on the probable location of the Library genealogy room during the upcoming renovation in the space now housing the NC collection. Members were urged to submit information to the Community E-Connection program. Forms were provided. Dick Rountree announced Wilson's Senior Awareness Day on May 31.

An amendment to the Bylaws was presented and approved by majority vote of the members present to increase the annual dues for WCGS to $20 effective January 1, 2003. This increase will also add a copy of the calendar as a member benefit. A gift was announced from WCGS to the Edgecombe Library of additional copies of some of the Hugh Johnston family files, originally prepared for the State Genealogy Library at the request of Mrs. Edna Johnston. The State Library was unable to accept the gift because of copyright concerns on the Johnston estate.

It was announced that the May meeting will be a trip to the new Braswell Library in Rocky Mount for a preview of their genealogy collection and some time to browse the facility. We will carpool from the Wilson Library. See details on page 59 of this issue.

Sue announced that the WCGS scrapbook need a new keeper. Lenore Smith has returned it to be passed on to someone else. We need a volunteer to collect newspaper clippings and other pertinent information to be mounted in the scrapbook for the Society archives. Please call Sue at 237-1250 or e-mail her at SuePowell@wcgs.org if you are interested in helping out.

Betty Reason of the Edgecombe Genealogical Society presented the program for the evening based on the family history of Peter Hines and Macclesfield. She described her meticulous research in reconstructing the early history of that part of Edgecombe County and in the discovery that a house now standing in the little community of Macclesfield was originally the home of Peter Hines, and that the community grew up around this house.

Betty described the procedure for finding early land records to prove that this was Peter Hines' property, and the process of dating the construction of the building to the early 1800s, using a consultant from NC State Archives who verified that date with several proven methods.

Betty produced a book, ***The History of Macclesfield, NC***, with the collaboration of Vera Stallings and Patricia Keel. Copies, if still available, may be ordered from Macclefield town Hall, PO Box 185, Macclesfield, NC 27852. The price is $12 plus shipping and handling. The email address is macctownhall@earthlink.net.

Members warmly applauded Betty's presentation and expressed great pleasure in seeing the high quality of her work. Our thanks to Betty for giving her time to share this with us.

Sue gave a brief report on a particular research problem and encouraged members to share similar reports at future meetings. Her report is printed on page 69 of this issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Roberson
(by Henry Powell in her absence)

Reference:

Johnston County Deed Book Z-2,
29 Nov 1860.
Elijah Atkinson of Johnston Count to Simon and Perry Godwin of Johnston County for $3,000. 320 acres on Little River adj. Haywood Godwin, being the land where the Wood Factory is, known as Niagara, ...
Wit: Iredell Godwin
Signed: Elijah Atkinson
1 Dec 1860
From: Kinfolks of Johnston County, Abstracts of Deeds 1826-1865
Volume II
Abstracted by Elizabeth E. Ross and Zelda B. Wood

WCGS Officers
(front, L-R) Grace Turner, Mary Anne Sheak, Carol Forbes
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We no longer list new members in *Trees*. Mailing and E-mail addresses seem to find their way into commercial promotional lists, and *Trees* is distributed to a number of locations from which names could be obtained.

A list of members, addresses, and surnames of interest is mailed to individual members each year

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Questions about Wilson County families may be emailed to WilsonNC@Yahoogroups.com or to ancestor@wcgs.org.

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To become a member of the list, visit our web site at http://www.wcgs.org

Go to the "discussion" section to view previous queries and answers or to join the group or post a query.

WCGS members have full posting privileges for the E-group.

Notice

The Wilson County Public Library is no longer open on Thursday evenings due to budget cuts from the State and the County. It is open Mon-Wed 9:00 AM 9:00 PM, Thurs-Sat. 9:00 AM-6:PM

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TREES OF WILSON

Wilson's Family Heritage

Chronicles of the
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President's Message

Hello,

Last month we discussed the bylaws for WCGS and the need to print them so that all members would have a current copy. We had planned to include these in this issue of Trees; however, they will require another bylaws change to correct inconsistences before distribution. Thanks for the suggestion from a Georgia member who tells of their local practice of including the bylaws in the annual member directory; and she agrees that the bylaws are necessary for the operation of any society. There is an old saying that if you don't know where you are going, and don't have a map, then it doesn't matter where you go or how you get there.

Thanks to the dedicated work of Dick and Wilhelmena Rountree, we now have a membership directory, complete with surnames of interest for most members. This will be mailed to all members of record in July as we do not publish an issue of ***Trees*** then. This mailing goes only to individual members of WCGS; it is not distributed to libraries or organizations.

The Wilson County Public Library has announced that they will acquire their own copy of the US Federal Census for 1930 and use their own funds for this, having declined the offer from WCGS to fund this purchase in a period of massive budget cuts. No explanation was given for this action.

We look forward to our annual social coming up later this month. Always a pleasant occasion, it is nice to see that so many of our founding members are still actively involved with WCGS. It takes more than just an interest in your own family history to be a good member. It helps that these faithful members also have a deep interest in the family heritage of our area. Bring along a family favorite dish, and join us for the evening.

Sue Powell

June 25 Social

Set aside the evening of June 25 and plan to join with your fellow WCGS members at our annual social covered-dish dinner, or supper if you prefer the original old English term for the evening meal as used by our immigrant ancestors. Festivities will begin at 6:30 PM at the home of Mary Anne and Jack Sheak at 1903 Hermitage Drive in Wilson. Call Mary Anne at 243-2035 if you need directions.

You need to bring three things with you when you come:

1. Something edible to share with others. Barbecue, slaw, brunswick stew, etc. are always popular. Or bring a family favorite. Somebody brought a collard quiche one year—a cross cultural success. Surprise us with your contribution! Drinks (tea and sodas) and ice are provided.
2. A small item, wrapped, for use as a door prize . Here's your chance to get rid of a white elephant or a surplus genealogy item!. WCGS will donate a book as a door prize.
3. A personal family artifact to show – maybe your grandfather's yoyo, or your great aunt's bloomers. Every item has a story waiting to be told.

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Human genome project has promise for family historians

Now going on for several years, this ambitious activity is designed to define the entire makeup of the human genetic code (genome). The molecular details are somewhat beyond the average interest and offer little for the casual reader.

However, the basics of genetics (the science of heredity) are well within the grasp of every family historian. If you have ever said "I've got my mother's curly hair, or my son has his grandfather's nose" then you are ready to learn more about how traits are inherited.

We'll include an occasional column on this subject over the next months.. Please give us feedback, so we will know if this hits the mark or if we need to alter direction.

To begin with the ABCs, human bodies are made of cells, little bags of fluid stuck together to make bone, muscle, skin, organs, and so on. Each living cell has a command center called the nucleus which contains strands of material called chromosomes (color bodies) - so called because they absorb color when a cell is stained with a dye for examination. The chromosomes show up under an ordinary microscope as a tangle of threads. That is how chromosomes were described for hundreds of years until someone discovered that these threads were actually tightly wound strands of a molecule we all know today as DNA (Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid).

Each human nucleus contains 46 chromosomes; these can be lined up as 23 pairs. Each chromosome has hundreds of genes—areas which control a particular trait. Skin color, hair color, eye color or height are examples of traits controlled by one or more genes .It might help to think of a chromosome as a string of beads with each bead being a gene.

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Family Connections

Wilson Daily Times May 25

The Beaman Family

Please tell us about my Beaman family. MBL, Wilson

Like many of our local families, we must go back to England to find the roots of this family. It is impossible to separate the history of any family from the flow of historical events that shape and move their progress through the centuries. We start our story with the invasion of England in the year 1066 by Duke William of Normandy (a province of France). An ambitious man, William was determined to make his mark in history to compensate for his birth to unmarried parents. We will leave further details to the interested reader who wishes to learn more about this on their own from published histories, along with the story of the Viking (known as the north men or normans) invasion of France in the ninth century.

William was very aware of the weakness of the Saxon King Harold of England and took advantage of Harold's battles in the north of England. William invaded in the south, landing at Hastings on the south coast with his army. Harold rushed south but arrived exhausted and was quickly defeated. The site is commemorated today as Battle Abbey, where the entire history and culture of England were changed forever by this one event.

William, known to history as "The Conqueror" and properly as William I of England, gave rich rewards to his supporters. Ignoring the land rights of the resident Saxons, William handed out estates and manors to his officers and friends and created the system of nobility (barons, earls, dukes, and the like) that caused our American founding fathers to remind us that all men are created equal. Many of those grants remain in the same families today, nearly 1000 years later. The feudal system of tenants tied to the land and subservient to the lord of the manor finally ended some 500 years ago, but there has been little land available for purchase and probably will never be. This factor alone was a major force in the settlement of the American colonies because, at last, there was land available for the asking.

There was an occupational surname present in Saxon England used to describe a keeper of honeybees, beo mann, but this was not common and seems to have fallen into disuse long ago. The surname of Beaman which we know today seems to have come from some few Norman individuals rewarded by William I. There were five villages in Normandy by the name of Beaumont (pretty hill), and by 1100 AD there were several individuals scattered across England bearing the name "de Beaumont" (of Beaumont). A reasonable guess as to the origin of our local family would be a man from the Norman village of Beaumont-le-Roger who settled in Dorset or Gloucestershire in England. Solid proof will have to come from other sources. The Beaumont name has changed into several forms over the centuries, including Beamont and Belmont as well as Beamon and Beaman.

The first Beaman immigrant to America remains a mystery at this point. We think that he may have arrived in Nansemond County, Virginia, in the 1600s, but all records from that county (now the City of Suffolk) were destroyed by courthouse fires prior to 1740. The only colonial records available are scattered indentures and grants and one list of "quit rents" from 1704. A quit-rent was an early form of property tax paid by a land holder to hold his grant. There is no person named Beaman on the 1704 quit-rent list; however, there was an Edward Beamond with 550 acres of land and no known connection to our local Beaman family.

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THE FIRST COURT
From the files of Marshall Daniel

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, WILSON COUNTY, APRIL TERM 1855

Be it remembered that a Court of Pleas and Quarter Session for the County and State aforesaid, present, the worshipful Joshua Barnes, Wright Edmundson, Jacob S. Barnes, William Ellis, Robert M. Cox, Jonathan Barnes, A. J. Cook, John Hayse, Willie Deanes, W. J. Armstrong, H. H. Williams, John Dew, Robert Bynum, Jno. G. Williams, Amos Horne, H. W. Boykin, Stanley Kirby, Noel Barnes, David W. Barnes, Peter Eatmand, Elisha Barnes was on Monday the 23 day of April, A. D. 1855 organized by appointing Wright Edmundson, Esqr. Chairman protem and Jonathan D. Rountree, Clerk protem where upon the following precedings are had.

James H. Barnes, A. G. Brooks, Elias Barnes, John H. Barnes, William Hinnant, William H. Watson, Alfred Boykin, John Nichols, J. D. Rountree, B. H. Barden, Thomas C. Davis, Jonathan T. Dew, James Wiggans, W. D. Farmer, Jacob H. Barnes, James Barnes, and Washington Barnes appear and duly qualify as Justices of the Peace by taking the prescribed oaths.

Elias Barnes is duly elected Sheriff and comes into Court and tenders obligations of ten thousand dollars for the performance of the general duties of the office of Sheriff and offers as his suraties John V. Thurrod, Jacob Barnes, Noel Barnes, B. E. Farmer, and Jacob V. Barnes also bond for four thousand dollars obligatin the justly collection and accounting for the County and poor tax and offers the same suraties which are accepted by the Court and ordered to be filed where-upon the said Elias Barnes duly qualifyes as Sheriff by taking the prescribed oaths.

Washington Barnes is duly elected Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions.

Lawrence P. Sawls is duly elected Register.

George Howard, Jr. is appointed County Soliciter.

Joshua Barnes, A. G. Brooks, Robert Bynum, J. D. Rountree, and Noel Barnes are elected Special Court for one year.

James H. Armstrong is duly elected Coroner.

Court adjourned untill ten o'clock tomorrow.

Tuesday, April 24th, 1855

Court meets according to adjournment. Present Jonathan Barnes, Amos Horne, John Hayse, R. M. Cox, Stanley Kirby, Noel Barnes, H. W. Boykin, Willie Deanes, Peter Eatman, A. J. Cook, H. H. Williams, John Dew, Elisha Barnes, Joshua Barnes, Wright Edmundson, Jacob S. Barnes, William Ellis, Robert Bynum, David W. Barnes, John G. Williams, W. J. Armstrong, James H. Barnes, A. G. Brooks, John H. Barnes, William Hinnant, William H. Watson, Alfred Boykin, John Nichols, J. D. Rountree, B. H. Barden, Thomas C. Davis, J. T. Dew, James Wiggans, W. D. Farmer, Jacob H. Barnes and James Barnes, Justices of the Peace.

*(**Beaman**, Continued from page 71)*

Nansemond County was full of Quakers. Rev. Fox came from England in the mid 1600s as a missionary and had great success in recruiting new members there. We have reviewed available Nansemond Quaker records up to 1750 and find no listing for any Beaman.

In the absence of details, we turn to North Carolina land grants to discover any individual listing himself as being a resident of Nansemond County, Virginia, at the time of the grant. Here we have success in the records of Northampton County which adjoined Nansemond County at the Virginia line, and find that, in 1756, a John Beaman of Nansemond (born in Nansemond in 1725) received a Granville grant of 622 acres where he was a member of the Rich Square Quaker Monthly Meeting. His brother, Francis (born in Nansemond in 1730), moved from Northampton County to Wayne County in 1777 where he fought in the local militia during the revolution. Francis' son Ozias moved to Sampson County in the Spivey's Corner area where his descendants remain today. Francis' son, David, died in Wayne County about 1805, leaving two minor children that we have not been able to trace.

Records are simply not clear at this point, but it appears that the Greene County Beaman line of our inquirer descends from Francis Beaman. We will continue work on this and report later on the findings. There was and is a large Beaman family in the Walstonburg Speight's Bridge area which may well be related to the Wayne County or Sampson County lines.

Henry & Sue Powell

A Graduation Message from the Head of the Wilson Colllegiate Institute.
From the Hugh Johnston files

December 15, 1886

My Dear Friend & Pupil,

You ask me to write in your album. I can wish nothing better for you than that God would write these words in you heart: Truth, Piety, Reverence, Peace, and Love. Have none but good associates. Avoid all evil habits. Always fear to do wrong & never fear to do right. Govern your temper & tongue. Be industrious & persevering, punctual & honest, kind & forgiving. Sympathize with the suffering and do what you can to relieve them. Remember your Creator in the days of your youth. Take His written word as your counsellor. Follow its directions to the best of your ability, looking to Him to aid you. May His Holy Spirit dwell in your heart, and guide your mortal life, and prepare you for an everlasting communion with the Immortal and Invisible King, who is Perfect Light & Purity & Love, in whose presence is fullness of Joy, and at whose right hand are pleasures forever more.

Your friend & teacher,
Sylvester Hassell

(The Human Genome: Continued from page 70)

The Human Genome project is attempting to determine just how many genes there are on these 46 chromosomes. Early estimates have run from 30,000 to over 200,000 genes total on the 46 chromosomes. Obviously, major interest in this project is related to the inheritance of certain diseases and how they are influenced by genes.

One expected outcome of the project is the hope that chromosomes can be "patched" to avoid the inheritance of a debilitating or lethal disease. Such genetic patches are now in common use in agriculture. Corn has been altered to contain genes that manufacture its own insecticide. There was quite a furor a year or so ago when some of this corn was made into tortillas for a national chain restaurant. The chain scurried to find another source of corn. The insecticide was not known to be harmful but had never been tested on humans. Taco Bell wasn't interested in becoming a test laboratory or in potential lawsuits. We never heard who or what actually did eat this genetically altered corn. Hopefully, it is normally used to make alcohol or cornstarch based paper goods.

Another vitally useful genetic alteration is the use of bacterial cultures which have been patched with the human gene which manufactures insulin. For many years, Type I diabetics (insulin-dependent juvenile onset cases) had to depend on refined pig or horse insulin which had obvious problems with negative reactions for some users. The bacterially-synthesized "humulin" is perfectly normal human insulin and has made life much more bearable for the millions of Type I cases. There are a number of drugs that are synthesized wholly or in part by bacterial or fungal cultures. These make life better for many of us.

But, our purpose in being family historians is not to cure the genetic defects of our family or elsewhere within the human population. Our number one questions always relate to kinship. We read often of someone doing a DNA test. Is such a test possible to help determine family relationships? Perhaps, it is. In its simplest form, a DNA sample is obtained from an individual, usually from blood cells, but it can come from hair, skin, or just about any tissue which has DNA. A complex chemical process is then followed to extract pure strands of DNA which are then dissolved and placed on a or a sheet of gelatin. An electrical current is passed through the gel while it is suspended in a liquid, and the genes migrate through the gel according to their specific characteristics. The gel is then sprayed with a stain which shows the distribution of genes from a given sample. When you compare two samples, the similarity of the pattern tells you the degree of relationship—usually that they are the same or totally different.

This isn't a process that will become common practice within the foreseeable future for the amateur family historian. There is just too much chemistry and too many medical issues involved. There are companies which now offer this service which you may want to use at your own risk. These are probably best suited to determine relationships within a family (e.g. parenthood of an adoptee) but offer little hope in finding that missing great grandfather whose name you don't even know. However, if you find a family elsewhere by the same or similar name that you suspect might be descended from that great grandfather, then good luck in talking them out of a tissue sample for analysis. The test may cost you over $200 in the present market. Then you will need the help of a competent geneticist to interpret the results. Purple spots on a sheet of gel don't actually tell you much without some expert help.

In short, the mechanics are in place to do some DNA analysis, but the cost is still high, and the results depend, in part, upon the opinion of an analyst. We can look forward in the future to automated tests somewhat like the picture makers in the drugstores. This will come when the human genome has been completely analyzed and identified, and that time is not too far away.

The next article will focus on genetic characteristics of various human populations and the commonality of the human genome between all races, ethnic groups, and populations.

[Editor: this article was written by Henry Powell, retired biology teacher, science curriculum specialist, and educational administrator. He holds a BS in Biology from Atlantic Christian (Barton) College, MEd in Science Education from the University of Virginia, and further studies from NC State University, James Madison University, College of William and Mary, and Rutgers—The State University of New Jersey. He co-authored a textbook in 1963 for Advanced Placement Biology (now out of print) and worked with several national curriculum revisions in Biology (BSCS) and Elementary Science (AAAS, ESS). His personal interests, outside family history, include population dynamics, genetics, anthropology, evolution, and British history. He and his wife write "Family Connections" for the Wilson Daily Times, and co-edit *Trees of Wilson.* They enjoy traveling, having conducted family history tours in England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and the Isle of Man.]

SHERIFFS OF WILSON COUNTY
The Wilson Times, November 11, 1911

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

A few days ago we published a list of the clerks and registrars of deeds of Wilson county. We were unable at that time to secure a list of the sheriffs which follow.

Elias Barnes, of Cross Roads township, was the first sheriff to serve. He was elected by the county commissioners and filled the office acceptably until he was succeeded by John T. Barnes, who was elected by the people. Those who served from then up to the present come in the following order: J. W. Davis, B. F. Briggs, Augustus Barnes, Kinsey Winstead, independent, who defeated Augustus Barnes by only six votes in 1878. Sheriff Winstead died in office while serving his second term. J. E. Farmer was appointed to serve out the unexpired term, after which he was elected by the people. J. W. Crowell succeeded Sheriff Farmer and served for twelve years and was succeeded by J. W Cherry (Rep.-Pop.). W. D. P. Sharp succeeded J. W. Cherry and now holds the office having filled it acceptably to his constituency and with credit to himself.

There have been but two hangings in the county: Jim Robbins, colored for the murder of his master, Jacob Robbins, in 1858, by Sheriff John T. Barnes; Henry Rose, white, for the murder of Tom Farmer, white in 1902.

Edgecombe County Petition against the Formation of a New County
From the files of Marshall Daniel

[editor's note. This document was included in the draft for a book that Mr. Daniel was working on at the time of his death. There were lines in the document that could have indicated the end of a column of signatures or could have indicated that a name was illegible. We are inclined to think it was not the latter because there were also blank spaces where a name may have been, again indicating that it was illegible. As is the case with any document that has been transcribed, readers are encouraged to refer to the original document to verify signatures that may have been transcribed incorrectly or are missing.

After Mr. Daniel's death, Dr. Patrick Valentine, Director of Wilson County Public Library, printed, bound, and shelved a complete copy of the draft of the book in the Genealogy and Local History Room of the Library.

Mr. Daniel's family donated some of his genealogical research records to WCGS and most of them were turned over to the library where they are available for review by special request. Unfortunately, his computer files were not included in the family's gift.]

The undersigned citizens and voters of the County of Edgecombe hereby instruct their Senator and Commoners in the General Assembly now in session to vote against any bill which may be introduced, therein having for its object, the formation of a new county, whereby the County of Edgecombe will lose any portion of its territory.

Wm. G. Bullock
W. R. Mercer
Ed Ponds
Theo Crisp
Ashley Page
Wm. F. Mercer
John W. Bozeman
Welden N. Edwards
Hillary Peal
N. W. Mars
Robt. Killebrew
John Lancaster
Lovitt Killebrew
James Horton
Denson Brown
J. A. Jenkins
Moses Baker
Wright Barnes
Baker S. Brown
J. G. Knight
Amos Hagins
Duncan Hargrove
W. D. Daughtry
Elijah Moore
Henry Williams
Whitmell Proctor
Thomas Fly
Simon Mofton
Robbard Williams
Charles W. Jenkins
Thomas Williams
Patrick Lane
J. H. Bullock
L. D. Bullock
David Lane
Dossy Leigh
Bin Fleming
J. D. Proctor
Bennet Walston
Joshua H. Bullock
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S. H. Thorn
M. Williams
N. W. Sessoms
Joseph J. Fuithful
William W. Armstrong
Chas. G. Wilkinson
Jonas Walston
Peter Forbes
S. P. Jenkins
Thomas Proctor
Elijah Cutchin
Clovic D. Johnson
Orren Dillard
Capt. H. A. Dowd
Moses Moore
James Adkins
William B. Flemming
John Ruffin
David C. Ruffin
C. C. Bonner
W. E. _____
Orren Bullock
Wiley H. Braswell
B. J. _____
W. J. Battle
E. W. Jackson
James S. Battle
J. D. _____
T. W. Battle
J. J. Braswell
James Ruffin
John J. Spicer
Henry Hargrove
Burrell W. Barnes
William D. Long
J. G. Proctor
J. W. Spicer
Orren Braswell
D. B. Mercer
Irvin Powell
William _____

Hartewell Long
K. C. Pope
H. H. Scorsby
A. Proctor, Sr.
Isaac Wadkin
E. P. O. Turner
B. W. Spicer
J. B. Taylor
Josiah Thomas
W. A. Whitehead
William Powell
Taylor Garner
T. W. Williams
Felin Hill
T. A. Griffin
John Lloyd
John Ward
William H. Tomas
Henry Moore
Tomas _____
Thos. H. Griffin
Green Hill
R. C. Mears
Whitmill Williams
William Jackson
H. H. Polen
Henry Turner
Fredrick Proctor
John R. Williams
Mathew Long
John Proctor
John N. Robins
Wm. Boone
Lovett Long
John W. Jackson
Willie Ricks
W. L. Lucas
A. J. Armstrong
_____ _____
Bennett P. Pitt
A. W. Cobb

A. J. Cotton
Litton Walston
W. Cherry
L. Christ
J. Pitmon
J. Whitley
William Taylor
Jarret Webb
Johnston Page
D. _____
W. Johnston
Patrick Bynum
James Barrow
Henry Jenkins
Jacob Bynum
E. Sanling
G. Stokes
Brittian Edwards
John Walston
A. Mosley
William Forbes
Joseph Skinner
G. W. Winstead
William Page
Dempsey Gay
John Dunn
Solomon Gordon
William Waston
Anson Dunn
_____ Hathaway
Henry B. T. Pitt
W. G. Dunn
W. D. Mercer
Joseph R. Oberry
Ralph Pitt
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R. D. Wimberly
William Thomas
Thomas Norfleet
W. B. Williams

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James Elger
David Savage
Rich'd Harrison
R. E. _____
Joseph Pitt
Bryant Pitt
Eason Savage
William C. Armstrong
Richard Braswell
Charles Fleming
William Pender
W. E. Jones
Jesse Gardner
Nathan Shirley
Henry Tolson
James Stallings
Henry Armstrong
Henry Clark
Etheldred Stallings
James Pender
Jacob Ruffin
L. F. Morgan
Jack Savage

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C. H. Smith
Cordy Lane
Henry Newsome
James C. Marks
Jas. S. Hicks
Andrew Sparley
Richard Sessoms
Eli Hadge
Augustus Dunn
David W. Dunn
Partick McDowell
James T. Vick
Jo. J. Bell
Thos. Carlisle
John T. Drew
Lewis Savage
Lewis Fountain
Edward S. Cotton
Micajah Anderson, Jr.
Edmond Alford
Thomas Anderson
Henry Hales
_____ Bryan
Gray L. Hargrove
S. Savage
William Coker
Arron D. Dixon
John T. Worrell
Fredrick R. Hawkins
Rubert Lancaster
E. R. Holland
Alexander Bryan
John W. Johnson
James P. Savage
Robert H. King
Wm. D. Bradley
John Oneil
John Jones
James G. Lewis
Willie Pittman
John Bradley
David Vick
James Mason
Levi Lane
E. Fountain
Henry Pittman
_____ Worrell
Mycaja Anderson
Hardy T. Savage
Joseph Pittman
William Hodges
Wiat Oneal
Elisha Oneal
Alfred Warren

_____ _____
Jas. M. Redmond
Frank M. Parker
Campbell Denton
James Reddick
Elisha Thomas
Wm. Mearriner
Wm. M. Pippen
Cary Whitaker
Jas. Mehegan
Wm. McQuinn
Jos. Higgs
William Best
Elisha Jones
Henry L. Staton
Weldon S. Hunter
James Branan
William _____
B. Williams
Nathan Lewis
J. J. Pippin, Jr.
William P. Long
Joseph S. Lawrence
Thomas D. Lawrence
John Knight, Jr.
Samuel Warren
Kinchen Worrel
Bennett Oneals
David Oneals
John W. Pippin
William T. Whitehurst
John Bullock
Norris E. Barfield
Magilbry Edmundson
Thos. Manning
Thos. Bunting

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W. H. Powell
Jas. Jno. B. Sinder
Amariah B. Cobb
O. Albert
Wm. Warren
Richard Dunn
J. P. Winstead
Henry Hyman
David Neal
John P. Williams
S. C. Pender
F. S. Bond
B. D. Howell
Henry R. Johnston
Bythal G. Barrow
William Griffin
John Lawrence
John M. Manning
Joshua L. Lawrence
B. P. Bradley
James W. Knight
Littleton Pender
Wesley Savage
Willie Bradley
James B. Thomas
Frank Clark
S. P. Jenkins
A. Garrett
William Clark

_____ _____
B. H. Knight
_____ King
C. W. Spicer
R. H. Austin
R. Norfleet
H. B. Bryan
Geo. Howard
J. L. Lyon
Jarvis R. Brewer
Richard Britt
H. R. Cherry
B. Bryan
M. R. Jones
Joseph H. Barker
W. L. Start
John Knight, Jr.
Maya Worsley
Charles E. Neal
A. Hart
James W. Gates
Thos. F. Cherry
Guilford Moore
John Weeks
Arthur B. Hyman
Irwin Thigpen
Theophilus Lane
Wm. Bryan
Enos Womble
Wright Carney
I. B. Hyatt
Jesse W. Leigh
J. M. Edwards
Gordon Thigpen
S. S. Daney
Jos. J. Porter
W. S. Pitt
John Q. Garrett
Allen Savage
Jno. H. Leigh
James Peel
B. Shelton
David Barlow
David Cobb
C. L. Dickens, M. D.
John Ward
_____ Whitehead
Absalom Proctor
John A. Purvis
S. B. Brown, Jr.
C. Melton
M. E. Bradley
T. H. Knight
Wm. T. Braswell
J. S. Butte
Kenneth Thigpen
J. F. Vick
James Vick
Eaton L. Phillips
William S. Baker
John Mayo, Jr.
Joseph Dilano
Robert T. Johnson
Henry Peel
A. H. Macnair
Leweling Harrell
Elisha Cromwell
John Garrett
L. S. Dunn
Levi Blount
Calvin Jones
L. M. Ashbrook
Gil Garrett
P. P. Lawrence
J. N. Bunting
John P. Killebrew
W. J. Edwards
J. W. Knight
P. G. _____
M. Bunting
Wm. Hansil
C. W. Livingston
Charles Flemming
Brawell Britt
G. P. Killebrew
A. O. B. Thorn
Wilbur Howard
George _____

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J. J. _____
Willie Burriss
Redin Daughtrey
Eli Cutchin
Henry Adams
Benja. F. Weaver
William Price
William _____
Joseph House
J. Odom
Joseph Moor
William Watkin
_____ Odom
John B. Joiner
Joel Price
Wm. J. Drake
G. L. Dew
B. A. Ricks
Coffield Mason
J. W. Ricks
W. _____ Odom
Wm. T. Cutchin
_____ K. Newell

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A. Braswell
Richard A. Johnson
T. B. Manning
Willie Bradley
Corneleus Farmer
J. J. Johnson
W. F. Ellinor
James E. Moore
Stephen Bradley
J. B. Lewis
Jesse H. Powell
T. W. Crisp
Jeramiah Smith
Silas Weeks, Junr.
Benja. P. Porter
Wm. Pittman
John Hayles
Joseph Harris
John Peel
Thomas Price
_____ Pridgen
James W. Billip
W. F. Lewis
(Do For) John R. Talbot
(Do For) Wesley Pittman
(Do For) John Fountain
Jos. Cutchin
W. S. Draughn
Richard Parker
Josiah Tanner
Mark Lynch
Thomas H. Cutchin
J. J. R. Parker
R. Pittman
M. J. Weeks
Richard Billip
Littleberry Bryant
Hardy Bradley
Wilas Weeks. Sr.
John Bradley
Wm. Atkins
Jno. T. Bellamy
Jno. B. Savage
John Hawkins
Elias Bradley
Stephen Bradley, Sr.
James D. Bradley
Thomas _____
Green _____
M. G. Allen
N. Liggett
John Coker
Samuel More
James Tanner
Jas. _____
William Wamack
Littleberry _____
Timothy Fountain
Edmon Dail
J. J. N. Mark
James Fountain
Harrison Pittman
Robin Bradley
Samuel Marshburn
Bennet T. Lyon
Thomas Etheridge
Thomas Mayo
N. Cutchin
Thos. Denton
Archibal Weeks
William Nunery

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Bennet S. Tailor
_____ Norvill
Hyman J. B. Norvill
Stephen Wooten
Kinchen _____
_____ Statins
Jonas Brown
John O. Oates
Whitman Oneal
Joseph J. Brown
William B. H. Edwards
James Statins
Enos Harrell
John A. _____
H. D. Little
Quincy Lawrence
Wiley Corbett
Adin Lawrence
Dempsey Gardner
N. R. Eason
J. G. Cobb
E. E. Cobb
James Cobb
_____ Cobb
John Mayo
Levi E. Cobb

_____ _____

James Dunn
_____ Johnson
James Norvill
William Evritt
Washington Corbitt
Hardy Norvill
Elisha Abrame
L. Carney
Joab Jenkins
William Dunn
_____ Gardner
Stephen Dunn

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Warren Brewer
Leroy Skiner
Rufus C. _____
Robert Watson
William T. Weaver
_____ B. Proctor
Amos Mayo
Joel Gardner
J. J. Garrett
Rich'd. H. Garrett
Joseph Dunn
Willie Canady
Willie Mears

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John Lawrence
Wm. Harrell
James Hataway
William Adams, Jr.
Spencer Ward
Jonas Edwards
William M. Gay
Henry Belcher
W. Hornell
R. T. Eagles
B. S. Lewis
William Jenkins
William P _____
Brant (X) Edwards
_____ H. Wooten
John Harrell
David Harrell
_____ (X) Harrell
Thomas W. Edwards
William (X) _____
Peter (X) _____
John J. Langley
Nathan (X) Evritt
John (X) Evritt
James (X) Evritt
Wilie Webb
Levi W. Edwards
William H. (X) Roberson
K. C. Lewis
Elisha Harrell
Jonathan (X) Robinson
John (X) Whitley
William R. Dupree
Wilie (X) Whitley
Richard T. Phillips
Henry Wooten
Bennet (X) Odom
Edi. W. Edwards
John (X) Roberson
William (X) Boise
Steppen W. Wooten
William G. Landley
Willis Langley
_____ Wooten
Jesse (X) Corbitt
Jesse (X) James
David Harrell
W. W. Wooten
Willie (X) Harrell
Joseph (X) Forbes
James (X) Ellis
Benett (X) Webb
James (X) Easom
Gray (X) Webb
Lewis (X) Gay
William (X) Corbitt
John (X) Cobb
John (X) Webb (son of John)
Lemuel T. Johnson
John (X) Hide
_____ Corbitt
Wm. W. Edwards

_____ _____

Elisha Harrell
Arch N. Ellis
Benett (X) Dunn
John Owens
Joel (X) Edwards
Amos Wooten
Henry (X) Gay
Thomas Dunn

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Elias Barnes
B. T. Daniel
Edwin Whitley
Jonathan Jones
Geo. T. Weeks
Rich. Bailey
John Bailey
W. M. Stanton
H. M. Thompson
J. I. Dortch
Jesse H. Adams

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John Letchworth
John A. Rogers
S. S. Scarborough
Allin Sumling
Dempsey Marlor
Levi Mercer
Marimon Allen
Norman Wooten
_____ Barriss
Elicia Felton
Calvin Forbes
Worring T. Alling
Richard Reasons
_____ Howard
James B. More
William B. More
Benjamin Forbe
W. D. Daniel
John W. Nobles
Jas. S. Barnes

_____ _____
Jno. Norfleet
James H. Dozier
John H. Hunter
Jas. Widdle
John L. Duggan
A. _____
Thomas Oberry
Henry _____
John Hopkins
B. M. Jackson
Benj. _____
John Daney
John Peel
Josiah Walston
Henry Long
Kenneth Gaiter
James H. Higgs
Samuel Gaiter
Wallace Andrews
G. D. Little
Salomon Cherry
Wm. Kennedy
Franklin Stallings
Green Oberry
Enos Womble
Micajah Hardy
W. A. Grissard
Willie Pittman
Richard Lodge
Warren Pitt
James Little
Burril Shelton
L. D. _____
James C. Griffin
Zachariah Pond
James Oneal
Jesse Norriss
Allen Nettle
Burnett Bradley
Jas. R. Thigpen
Burnett Carlyle
John Averitt
James Fleming
Simon Fleming
Louis Barfield
Wm. Burnett
Kinchen Gay
Wm. Johnston
Wm. Hales
Ruffin Hardy
Nathan Lewis
Willie Lodge
Jno. P. Rogers
Wm. J. Staton
Geo. B. Lipscomb
Starlen Waller
Nathaniel M. Ferrell
William A. Mabrey
James Hodges
Warren (X) Waller
James Waller
James W. Waller
Jo. B. Chesire

_____ _____
David Moore
Willie W. Bridgers
James Pender
J. J. _____
John T. Bridgers
William F. Bridgers
Stephen Cherry
Dunkin (X) Ruffin
William H. Ruffin
John Bridgers
J. J. Pender

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William Proctor
Nathan J. Stokes
Thomas J. Brassnel
Henry G. Williams
Abraham Moore
Benj. Bayley
Bryant Stokes
John Daney
Ephriam Daney
Elija Taylor
James Williams
Wm. B. Pridgen
James _____
Henry Mosley
Jacob Proctor
Elija Taylor, Sr.

_____ _____
_____ Whitehead
Baker M. Braswell
James T. Brown
Benjamin Thorn
Allin Turner
_____ Dawtry
John Whitehead
John W. Robbins
James Beetam
Zacharih Weaver
_____ S. Braswell
Miles Davis
William D. Weaver

_____ _____
John H. Knight
W. E. Bellamy
L. T. Savage
Andrew L. Knight
W. H. Glover
Alston Savage
Irvin Howell
Thomas Hackney
James Powell
Etheldred McBryan
Edwin Brown
Robert Strickland
_____ Bell
Elijah Williford
Gray Bryan
Thomas T. Tyler
Joseph H.
Joseph (X)
R. H. Strickland
Joseph Knight
James Jones
Davis Strickland
Benj. Batts
Isaac L. Cushing
Stephen Harper
Kenneth Parker
Rorick Bell
Charles Mabrey
_____ Howell
William B. Bell
Jessey _____
William _____
_____ Howell
William Batts

_____ _____
Wm. Cherry

_____ _____
Arthur Maton
James L. Long
John Carson
William Taylor, Senr.
Willie Keel
J. Guilford Jones
Gray Andrews
_____ Hyman
James L. Nelson
Theo. C. Hyman
John Knight, Senr.
Wm. L. Hyman
_____ Garrett
Eaton Horne
Ezikiel Carlisle

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William Blan
John W. _____

CELEBRATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WILSON COUNTY

The Southerner
Tarboro, N. C.
March 31, 1855
From the files of
Marshall Daniel

CELEBRATION AT WILSON

We are informed that the citizens of Wilson had quite a spirited and lively celebration last week, in honor of the New County. A ball on Thursday night, enlivened by Frank Johnson's brass band—a party on Friday night—and a Barbecue and public speaking on Saturday, were the prominent objects of hilarity and enjoyment. A large concourse of ladies and gentlemen from adjoining counties attended. On Saturday, Geo. Howard, Jr., Linn B. Sanders, and Charles C. Bonner, Esqs., made public addresses which were well received by their auditory. Dancing and other sports were continued until midnight closed the festivities.

"TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION IN 1855-1868"

From the files of Marshall Daniel

Chapter 13 of the Public Laws of North Carolina 1854-55 established the form of government for Wilson County. Section 3 of that chapter reads in part "That the counties of Edgecombe, Johnston, Wayne and Nash shall continue to be represented in the General Assembly in the same manner as heretofore, until a future General Assembly shall otherwise provide and direct … ." So even though Wilson County had been established, it did not have authority to represent itself. This situation existed until 1868.

In 1868, after the War Between the States, the State of North Carolina was required to establish a new constitution. To establish a new constitution, a Constitutional Convention was held on January 14, 1868, pursuant to General Orders 165, Headquarters Second Military District.

Pursuant to General Orders 101, delegates to this convention had been elected on the 19th and 20th days of November 1867. Mr. Willie Daniel was elected delegate from Wilson County.

In the Journal of the Convention is the following:

"The committee on Legislature --, reported the results of their deliberations.

ARTICLE

SECTION 1. The Legislative authority shall be vested in two distinct branches, both dependent on the people, to wit: A Senate and a House of Commons.

SECTION 2. …

SECTION 3. The Senate shall be composed of fifty Senators biennially chosen by ballot.

SECTION 4. Until the first session of the General Assembly which shall be after the year 1871, the Senate shall be composed of members to be selected from the several districts, to consist of the counties hereafter named, that is to say:

…

[editor's note: Here it is difficult to tell Mr. Daniel's intent. His typed draft was "10th District Edgecombe and Wilson." This had handwritten changes to "Ninth District Nash and Wilson." There was an additional note that is not legible.]

…

SECTION 5. …

SECTION 6. The House shall be composed of one hundred and twenty representatives, biennially chosen by ballot, to be elected by the counties respectively according to their population, and each county shall have at least one representative in the House of Commons, although it may not contain the requisite ratio of representation …

SECTION 8. … Wilson County … shall elect one …"

Under this new constitution, elections were held later in 1868 and General Joshua Barnes was elected to serve the 10th District composed of Edgecombe and Wilson. George W. Stanton was elected Wilson County's first representative in the House.

(This 1868 Session of the General Assembly also set up the Township Divisions within the county.) [Editor's note: The description of the Township Divisions was included in the April 1997 issue of *Trees.*]

JAMES ED. FARMER OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, September 15, 1914

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Death of Ex-Sheriff Farmer.

Ex-Sheriff James Ed. Farmer passed over the river into the eternal beyond about nine o'clock last evening after an illness of some two weeks. When he left us a very useful man was taken for Mr. Farmer was born and raised in this county about four miles east of Wilson, and was descended from the earliest settlers of North Carolina. He was 63 years old and leaves a wife and three sisters, Misses Sallie and Cora Farmer of this city and Mrs. Andrew J. Moore, of Whitakers.

The cause of his death was an abscess of the liver.

The deceased served Wilson county faithfully and satisfactorily as her sheriff, having filled out the unexpired term of Sheriff Kinsey Winstead following the latter's death and was elected for two terms or four years. He refused a re-election, prefering to look after his extensive farming interests of which he was always fond. The sheriff has been form many years a member of the Odd Fellows and was well known over the county and universally esteemed. When he was taken ill he was taking an active interest in the cotton storage warehouse movement.

His funeral will occur tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock from his late residence and the services will be conducted by Rev. M. Bradshaw of the Methodist church.

The Honorary pall bearers will be Col. John F. Bruton, Messrs. R. S. Barnes, Judge H. G. Connor, James Lucas, J. B. Farmer, R. G. Briggs, W. P. Wootten, Lat Williams, Geo. Hackney, W. D. Hackney, W. E. Warren, Wm. Woodard and C. M. Fleming.

The active pall bearers will be Messrs. W. W. Simms, P. L. Woodard, B. E. Howard, Doane Herring, R. J. Grantham, J. S. Whitehead, U. H. Cozart and E. A. Darden.

[Editor's note: copied as originally printed. James E. Farmer, born 1 July 1851, died 11 September 1914, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson. *Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries—Volume IV,* compiled by Joan L. Howell]

1883 Part of Edgecombe County Annexed to Wilson County

Contributed by Al Bass, Raleigh, NC

Per David Leroy Corbett in the Formation of North Carolina Counties, 1664-1943 "...That the line between the counties of Wilson and Edgecombe shall be as follows. Commencing at the Rake Straw place, thence running north in a straight line to the bridge on the Williamson branch, in the road leading from upper Town Creek church to Temperance Hall church, thence up said branch to the head of same, thence northwest a straight line to the Sharpsburg road, near E. G. Hales, thence down said road to the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad thence down the said Wilmington and Weldon Railroad to the Wilson County line.

Sec. 2. That portion of said territory on the north side of Town Creek shall be annexed to Toisnot township, in Wilson county, and that portion on the southside of said creek shall be annexed to Gardners township in Wilson County.

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President's Message

Hello,

As stated in the June issue of *Trees,* a few refinements are needed in our by-laws. Included here on page 75 are the proposed changes to improve the wording and remove discrepancies to make our by-laws a better document. The vote on the changes will take place at the September meeting. Please read the proposed changes and indicate your vote prior to that time if you will not be able to attend the September meeting.

I hope that you have been able to spend some time in family research this summer. I have been able to sort though some of my "terminal piles" and found at least one treasure which was given to me by someone. Many thanks to the person who gave me the Marlboro County, S. C., deed transferring land to David Evans of Wayne Co., N. C.

When I attended workshops at a National Genealogical Society's annual meeting, I was amazed as I listened to several speakers describe how they were able to move around some of the "brick walls" that every genealogist encounters. They described ways that they used qenealogical tools such as principles of law, census records, estates records, and others to analyze what is known to derive additional information. In some cases, the deductions could be considered fact and in other cases they were reasonable theories which they would prove or disprove though research for and the study of other available records. Some speakers used spreadsheets to produce facts which were obscure when reading the source document.

In the Anderson article, beginning on page 73, we read such a study of the facts that have been used to deduce more about a family.

Sue Powell

WCGS June Social: (front row, l-r) Henry Powell, Mary Anne Sheak, Grace Turner, Lenore Smith, Carol Forbes (second row, l-r) Frances Roberson, Lena Smith, Sarah Kirby, Sally Hill, Sue Powell, Paul Darden, Mrs. Bryant, Wilbur Bryant. (Several people left before the picture was taken.)

A delightful evening with good food and door prizes. Twenty members joined us for the festivities.

The Human Genome (Part II)

In the last issue of ***Trees***, there was a very basic description of the human genetic makeup. This month, we continue with more detail to help the family historian understand more about his or her heritage.

You earlier learned (or already knew) that the human genome consists of 23 pair of chromosomes. Each pair contains duplicate genes except for one pair, called the sex chromosomes. They are not alike, one being called a "X" chromosome and the other a "Y" chromosome.

When eggs and sperm are produced, each chromosome pair separates, with one member of each pair going to an egg or sperm cell. This means that the reproductive cells contain only 23 chromosomes. When egg and sperm unite then the normal 46 chromosome count is restored.

The trick here is that an egg cell contains only "x" chromosomes, while sperm cells can contain either a "X" or a "Y" chromosome. If your cells contain two "X" chromosomes, then you are female. If your cells contain one "X: and one "Y" chromosome, then you are male. The genes for producing male sex organs are located on the "Y" chromosome. Without these genes, an individual is female by default.

As for the other 22 pair of chromosomes, in theory these move intact into an embryo which results from the joining of egg and sperm. Miss Green marries Mr. Jones, and their children then have one set of "green" chromosomes and one set of "Jones" chromosomes in each of their cells. Therefore, they should preserve family traits, remembering that some genes are stronger than others and dominate the other member of a pair. The blond hair gene is weaker than the brown hair gene, so, if Jones has brown hair, then all their children will as well, at least in theory. In

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Family Connections

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The Beaman Family, continued from the May 2002 column.

In the previous column on the Beaman family, we established that our eastern North Carolina Beamans probably descend from one or more Beamans who lived in Nansemond County (now the City of Suffolk), Virginia in the 1700s.

Records show how the Beaman families of Wayne, Duplin and Sampson Counties arrived there but we were unable to locate connections for the large Beaman family of Greene County.

We invited our readers to help us with any information they might have to shed light on this problem. In short time, an alert reader, Ms. Jordan, provided us with some interesting research information. From this, we found that there was yet another Beaman living in Nansemond County, b. 1751, named Jeremiah, son of Edmund Beaman, b. in Nansemond County in 1727. In the previous column we had named an Edward Beamond as living in Nansemond in 1704 and in possession of 550 acres of land at that time. There could well be a connection between Edward, Edmund, Jeremiah, Francis and John. The courthouse fires in Nansemond destroyed all deeds, wills, court records and whatever vital statistics had been filed. Therefore, we have no way to prove or to disprove any possible connection. We do know that the Beaman family was never a large presence in Nansemond County as there was only one in the tax list of 1704 (Edward), and one (a widow with children) in the first federal census of 1790.

This information on Jeremiah Beaman came from the DAR application of a Mrs. Gordon of Mississippi, which does not contain any evidence that Jeremiah was born in Nansemond County: thus, this remains to be verified from other sources. Evidence is clear, however, that Jeremiah and his wife Ruth (Barrow) moved to Dobbs (now Greene) County, NC in the vicinity of Speight's Bridge. Jeremiah and Ruth had eleven children. Their son, Noah (b. 1798, d. 1881) married Jane Faircloth and six children. Noah's son, John Dobbs Beaman (b. 1829, d. 1862, also known as Jerry Dobbs or just Dobbs) married Delina Phillips. According to the descendancy charts provided to us by readers, a great many of the present Greene County Beaman individuals appears to descend from these sources.

We were provided with another piece of information of interest regarding Francis Beaman, b. in Nansemond County, who later moved to Northampton County, then to Wayne County and then Sampson County in North Carolina. It was noted earlier that there is a marker in a local cemetery commemorating his service in the Civil War. It turns out that Francis probably did not serve in the Civil War. He was an active Quaker at the time, and a member of the Rich Square Meeting, where it was recorded that he had refused to serve because of his religious beliefs. Some years later, the NC Secretary of State, James Glasgow, was indicted in a massive land fraud scheme involving land grants in Tennessee for Civil War veterans. Glasgow was jailed and the county which had been named for him had its name changed to Greene. It seems that Glasgow and his cohorts simply chose names at random and filed claims for land, regardless of whether or not the individual had served the Confederacy. Francis Beaman was one such choice.

Francis Beaman and his son Samuel later moved to Indiana where Francis died soon thereafter of old age. There are hundreds of Beaman descendants there at this time.

Henry & Sue Powell

Family Connections

Wilson Daily Times July 2001

The Eatman Family

My dad told me that our Eatman family once owned a mill somewhere in the Rock Ridge area. I would like to know more about my family and about the mill. DE Rocky Mount NC

There were two Eatman mills in the western end of Wilson County. One was located on Millstone Creek, a tributary of Bloomery Swamp (called Great Swamp before 1782), about a mile upstream from Finch's Mill Pond on Rt. 264. That old Eatman's mill, probably built before the mid 1800s, and named for Peter Eatman (son of Joel, grandson of John), disappeared long ago. This was in an area which contained an iron mine and stone outcrops from which millstones were mined.

The name "bloomery" referred to the smelting of iron ore. As the crushed rock was heated, the heavy liquid iron settled to the bottom, and the lighter crushed stone rose to the top-a "bloom" of gravel, so to speak. The bloomery was started in 1779, during the American Revolution, when it was no longer possible to obtain iron goods from England. The ore deposit played out by 1848, and the bloomery is no longer to be found.

The other mill was located in the Rock Ridge area on Flat Rock Branch, a tributary of Marsh Swamp, being about a mile upstream from Marsh Swamp Church. It was probably built after the 1830s and named for Raymond Eatman (son of Exum, grandson of Robert.) It is said that embankments may still be found to indicate the location of the dam just beside SR 1148, not far from Healthy Plains Church. There is a more recent farm pond located very near the original mill pond.

Where did these Eatmans come from, and why were they millers? It is obvious that these questions cannot be answered with certainty, but there are a lot of clues that give us some strong possibilities.

A search of immigrant records to Virginia turned up only one Eatman during the colonial period (1607-1771). This was a John Eateman who arrived as an indentured servant in Middlesex County, Virginia, in 1691.The indenture process was a method of having your fare paid on a passenger ship by a landowner. In turn, you promised to work for the landowner for a specified period of time (usually seven years), after which you were free to find your own fortune. There were very few indentures still arriving in the late 1600s, so we suspect that John Eateman was brought over for a specific purpose, whatever that might be.

But, to be fair, the records are not complete as General Grant felt it necessary to burn the Virginia archives when he captured Richmond during the war of northern aggression.

It does not appear that John stayed in Middlesex County for very long as we find no further mention of him in the remaining records of that county, or in Virginia after that. A search of English records turns up a John Eatman born in 1658 in the county of Oxford in southwest central England, where he was a resident of the village of Brize Norton, near Witney. This was not a common surname in England. In fact, our reference dictionary does not even list this name as spelled.

An occupational name "eastmund" dates back to the end of the Saxon era in England (just before 1066), given to a person appointed to manage "grace and favor dwellings." These were housing units, usually belonging to the Crown (government), granted to faithful servants, military officers, etc. with free lifetime occupancy. These are still in common use today in Britain. For example, if you visit Hampton Court Palace which is no longer used by the Royal Family, you will see numerous doorways with a small sign that says "private". These are grace and favor apartments given to retirees as part of their government pension. Presumably, the title of eastmund was given to the manager of these properties and may be related to our present term "easement". This appears to be the most likely source for the name Eatman.

We don't know what John Eatman of Brize Norton did for a living, but the entire area was the center of the wool industry for southern England, both for growing wool and for processing and weaving it. Water mills were common, both to grind grains, and to drive machinery. Our readers may draw their own conclusions as to whether John was recruited to set up a mill in America or not, but it makes a plausible story.

By 1730, an Eatman was in Edgecombe Precinct (in the part that became Nash County in 1777 and Wilson County in 1855). Two young boys, John and Thomas were born there in 1732-34. When he became an adult, John began to acquire property in the area around (now) Silver Lake on Toisnot Swamp, (now) Finchs Mill Pond on Bloomery Swamp, and on Marsh Swamp, upstream from Horme's Mill at Rock Ridge.

By the time that the 1870 census was taken in Wilson County, there were dozens of Eatman individuals living in the Rock Ridge area, and many more who had moved away, some to Alabama and others to points west. Your probable line is from John (above) to Robert Eatman to Exum Eatman to Raymond Eatman to John D. Eatman to your grandfather, James Allison Eatman, all from the Rock Ridge area. Several are buried in the Marsh Swamp Church cemetery.

Henry & Sue Powell

North Carolina Estates Records in the State Archives

The extensive body of county records referred to as "Estate Papers" or "Estate Records" contain the various surviving unbound documents generated in settling the estate of a deceased individual. Filed first by county and then alphabetically by name of the deceased and date of probate, the estates records are being microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah at the State Archives. The State Library of North Carolina's Genealogical Services is pleased to be able to begin offering microfilm of these for loan TO NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS through their local libraries. They are initially adding microfilm of the estates records of twenty-one counties to their circulating North Carolina county and census microfilm collection. As funds permit, they hope to build this collection to include the microfilm of original estates holding of all 100 counties.

Information on counties available and the borrowing procedure may be obtained from 919-733-3683 or pamtoms@library.dcr.state.nc.us. Wilson County records have not been microfilmed; Edgecombe and Nash have.

The James Anderson Family, 1660-1760

of Early Chowan, Bertie, Tyrrell, Edgecombe, Northampton, Granville and Cumberland Counties of North Carolina.

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EARLY EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANDERSONS

Perspective:

The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources notes that after the Tuscarora Indian war (1711-1715) the Colony of North Carolina was left in debt. In 1715 the general Assembly established the first Poll Tax in the colony. The 1720-21 tax records show only four Anderson families being taxed.

#1 Robert Anderson of Chowan County
#2 John Anderson of Perquimans County
#3 James Anderson of Perquimans County
#4 James Anderson of Bertie County

Thirty four to thirty five years later the 1755 tax list shows eleven individual Anderson families being taxed. There could have been one family exempted. We have a record of a Caucasian family named George Anderson from Bertie County making his will in Granville county July 6, 1757, will probated March 7, 1758. A disability could have resulted in exemption.

#5 Robert Anderson, Jr. Beaufort Co.
#6 Alexander Anderson Cumberland Co.
#7 John Anderson Cumberland Co.
#8 John Anderson Currituck Co.
#9 Alexander Anderson Granville Co.
#10 George Anderson (free black) Granville Co.
#11 John Anderson (in Thomas Cooper HH) Granville Co.
#12 Lewis Anderson (free black) Granville Co.
#13 John Anderson Orange Co.
#14 Robert Anderson Tyrrell Co.
#15 John Anderson Tyrrell Co.

As you can see, we are not researching a large number of Anderson families.

Initial Overview:

#1, #5, #14 We have little on Robert Anderson. Deed research, by the late Hugh B. Johnston of Wilson County, NC, finds Robert in Chowan/Bertie Counties 1729/30 and then Tyrrell County in 1736.

#15 John Anderson of Tyrrell may be related to Robert above. The only record we have on this John Anderson is the 1755 tax list.

#2 John Anderson of Perquimans County is well identified. He was the son of John and Jane Anderson who were transported to Perquimans Precinct, NC by John and Hannah Nicholson Gosby in 1693. Son John received a grant of 640 acres in Perquimans Precinct on June 24, 1704 for transporting 13 persons into the precinct. The family was literate and written records are available. The family remained and prospered in the area. We have found no connection with this John Anderson family.

#3 James Anderson and wife Debrow(sic) of Perquimans County are well identified by their own deeds, son John's deeds and wills made by James and his mother, Elizabeth. He is third son of #4, James Anderson of Bertie County. He, his father and other family members used a distinctive mark when signing deeds and wills; a capitol "I" with a dash in the middle.

#4 James Anderson of Bertie County was one of the first to migrate down the Moratock River (now Roanoke River) after the Tuscarora Indian War. He is well identified by court records and deeds.

#6, #9 The Alexander Andersons are only identified in the 1755 NC tax list. We have found no grants, deeds and court records for them at this time. There was an Alexander Anderson family in Virginia.

#7 John Anderson of Cumberland County uses the capitol "I" with a dash in the middle. He and/ or his father more than likely migrated from Bertie County in about 1754 to Craven County, Vanceboro area, after receiving a 556 acre grant. He or his son purchases 200 acres on Cranes Creek in Cumberland County in 1758. All deeds are signed with a capitol "I" with a dash in the middle.

#8 John Anderson of Currituck County, like the Alexander Andersons, was only listed in the 1755 tax records. Currituck County is in extreme NE North Carolina.

#10, #12 George and Lewis Anderson are free black families. Their Virginia owner freed them at his death and gave them a large tract of land in Virginia. For unknown reasons they traded that land for land in Granville County, North Carolina.

#11 John Anderson was in Thomas Cooper's household at the time of the 1755 tax collection. Research indicates that Mr. Cooper was probably a father-in-law of John. John moved his family to the upper Cape Fear River about 1763/64.

#13 John Anderson of Orange County probably represents one of the first Anderson settlers migrating to the piedmont section of North Carolina. There were large Anderson families in Caswell, Rowan and Lincoln counties the last half of the 1700s.

Family profiles:

In the Colonial period, families used a "naming pattern" when selecting a name for a child. Commonly it was as follows:

1st son named for paternal grandfather
2nd son named for maternal grandfather
3rd son named for his father
4th son named for father's eldest brother
5th son named after the next oldest brother, etc.
1st daughter named for maternal grandmother
2nd daughter named for paternal grandmother
3rd daughter named for her mother
4th daughter named for her mother's eldest sister

We will use this "naming pattern" to profile the various Anderson families identified by the tax records above and court, deed, grant and will data found on the Chronology.* A space in parentheses in the family profile means that a parent's given name is not known or that a child should have been born but is probably deceased.

(*The Chronology begins on page 76.)

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Analysis:

First Generation (probably born 1660s)

The Chronology shows two major related first generation families on the Roanoke River during the early 1700. James Anderson (lines 7,15,19) and Daniel McDaniel, lines 9,10, 23,39). Using the "naming pattern" we find the following:

Children of James & Elizabeth Anderson	Children of Daniel & Sarah McDaniel
(son)	Daniel
(son)	Archbell
James	Alexander
Carolus	James
(son)	
(dau.)	Mary
(dau.)	Ann
Elizabeth	Sarah

James Anderson:

James Anderson's plantation was located on the Occoneechee Neck (swamp, creek). This is three or four miles east of Halifax, NC on the North side of the Roanoke River. His land description also notes Cypress Swamp which joins the South side of the Occoneechee Neck area. This is where US Hwy 258 crosses the river.

The transaction on line 19 of the Chronology indicates that James sold out and retired to Bath from Bertie County. He signs the deed with his mark, a capital "I" with a dash in the middle. James did not leave a will which means his estate was settled by Primogeniture where the eldest son inherits all real and personal property.

Hugh B. Johnston, deceased genealogist of Wilson County, suggests that James Anderson could have died as early as 1723.

When James Anderson's wife, Elizabeth, made her will, November 5, 1732, probated August Court, 1733 (line 41), she had only basic personal property to bequeath. This indicates again that there was an older son who received James Anderson's real and personal property.

From a copy of the original will from NC Archives, we learn that Elizabeth gave son James one shilling, son Carolus a Breeding mare, set of iron wedges and a set of Harrow hoes. She gave to her daughter, Elizabeth Pittman, one pair of small millstones. She gave other animals and personal things to her granddaughters and named one granddaughter as her executor.

Looking at the "naming pattern" for this family, it is indicated that we are missing the names of at least two sons and possibly a third and two daughters.

On the Chronology we have a John Anderson on lines 26,28, 35,38,39 & 44 and his estate Executors on line 45. I think this John Anderson is the eldest son of James and Elizabeth Anderson and automatically inherited James Anderson's estate under the primogeniture provisions of the law.

Bertie deed D-206 places John's plantation on Bridgers Creek right between the old James Anderson and Daniel McDaniel plantations. John probably purchased the 440 acres with the proceeds from James Anderson's estate. The deed to John for the 440 acres was never registered with the court. However, deed D-206 noted on line 45, states that John received the property from John Blackman who held the original patent.

I also believe that this John Anderson and Ann McDaniel, daughter of Daniel McDaniel, were married. Some genealogists believe that when a person, like John Anderson (line 39), is one of the witnesses on Daniel McDaniel's will, that he is related in some way to that family. John signed the will with a signature indicating he could read and write. Other evidence of this marriage can be found on lines 100 and 52 where Isaac Anderson sells 50 acres that his mother, Ann Anderson, bought from Thompson in 1735.

The sequence of events also supports the John and Ann union. John died before June 1734. (line 45) Ann remarried George Martin and he died before October 1734. (line 48) Ann and her children needed a place to live so bought the 50 acres from Thompson on 11/21/1735. She had returned to her first married name, Anderson. The 50 acres are located South of the Roanoke River, across the river from James Anderson's old plantation and across the river and west of John Anderson's old plantation and south of the Conoconnara Swamp.

If this John Anderson is the elder son of James and Elizabeth Anderson and the commonly used "naming pattern" was used, then James Anderson's father was named John. This may be the John on line 28 of Henrico County, VA.

From the chronology, Robert Anderson seems to have a definite presence in the Anderson family. Looking at the tax list, he could have had at least two sons, a Robert #5 and a John #15. I think he is a younger son of James and Elizabeth, brother of John, because he obtained land by grant, line 24, about the same time that James retires, line 19. He could have been living on the 40 acres left over from what James purchased and what he sold. In 1719, line 11, he is a witness which indicates maturity. In 1721, line 18, he is mentioned in a deed as being a neighbor of a grantee, north side of Roanoke River and Possum Creek. We have been unable to find Possum Creek at this time. On line 33 he receives a large parcel of land through a purchase. We have not located the Chuiattuck Branch but think it may relate to the Connehow Creek (now spelled Conoho) which is south and west of the Roanoke River running somewhat parallel with the river east of Brasswells Crossroad and Hobgood. Some second and third family generations migrated several miles on down the Roanoke River to this area. In 1736, line 55, Robert is located in Tyrrell County.

James Anderson moved to Perquimans County about 1703. He purchased 275 acres 3/1702 on the SW side of Perquimans River, Perquimans County deed, A-207. James and wife Debrow (sic) sold the 275 acres on 5/9/1704. On 12/12/1711, they purchased 15 acres at the mouth of Sutton Creek on the SE side of Perquimans River, deed A-321. He made his will on 2/6/1742 and named his sons, James and John. He signed the will with his mark, a capitol "I" with a dash in the middle.

Carolus Anderson moved to north Bertie County (later to become Northampton County) about 1726 when he received a Virginia land Patent for 180 acres on the south side of the

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Meherrin River. Later this location was deemed to be located in North Carolina. Carolus purchased and sold a number of parcels of land in this area before his death. Carolus made his will on 2/10/1752, naming his three daughters. Hugh Johnston's research indicates that Carolus could not read and write. He signed with an "A" mark.

William Anderson also has a presence on the chronology, line 37 in 1733, line 79 in 1744 and lines 102 – 104 in 1754. We think the 1733 William is the father of the 1744 and 1754 William. We think the younger William was born about 1730. He is well identified in Edgecombe County by receiving a grant of 320 acres in 1779 in Edgecombe County located on the south side of Swift Creek on Falling Run next to the Philips family. This property is located about two miles NE of Rocky Mount, NC, north of the Tar River. He is also well identified by other deeds and his will dated in 1790. In his will, he notes property south of the Tar River on the Tyancokey Swamp which we have no written record of his receiving. The younger William could have inherited this land from his father, probably the older William. There was a grant of 240 acres in Edgecombe County, St Mary's Parish, on 2/2/1760, to a William Anderson. Connecting these Williams is additionally important because there are several Anderson researchers connecting to the younger William.

We believe the William on lines 90 and 91 belongs to Robert. Salmon Creek is in the SE part of Bertie County and flows into Albemarle Sound, very close to old Tyrrell County.

On the family profile, James and Elizabeth's third daughter is named after the mother and is therefore Elizabeth. I have no information on the assumed two missing daughters.

Daniel Mack Daniel (McDaniel):

Daniel McDaniel's plantation was located on the Urahow and Bear Swamps, north of the Roanoke River and north of US Hwy 258. This is due east of the old James Anderson plantation and probably northeast of the John Anderson plantation.

Daniel McDaniel made his will April 16, 1733, probated in May Court, 1734 in the new Edgecombe County. From a copy of the original will, we found the above family profile.

This is the order in which Daniel Mack Daniel listed his children in his will. His wife was listed between Mary and Ann which suggests that most of his children were by a former wife and daughters Anne and Sarah by wife Sarah. In the "naming pattern" either Daniel Mack Daniel's father was also named Daniel Mack Daniel or his first two sons were deceased at the time of his will. Sarah seemed to be his third daughter and therefore named after his living wife, Sarah.

Sometimes, in memory of the first wife, who possibly died in childbirth, they would name the first female child of the second marriage after the first wife. This could have been the origin of the name Anne.

(This is part one of the article. Part two will continue in a later issue.)

(Please see the chronology of early eastern NC records relating to the Anderson family beginning on page 76)

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WCGS BY-LAWS

A review of the WCGS by laws, prior to printing for distribution to the membership, revealed the need to clarify four items. The changes listed below will be voted on at the September meeting. Members who will not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit a written vote or to designate someone to vote their proxy.

The proposed changes are stated below followed in italics by the reason the change is needed. The present reading is included in the italics except for ARTICLE IV, D.

ARTICLE IV

D. Annual membership shall be $20 per person or institution and includes a subscription to the Society's Newsletter. Family memberships shall be $25 for two or more family members at the same address and receiving one newsletter. Junior membership for persons under age 18, not attached to a family membership, shall be based on the actual cost of the newsletter.

Change the family membership dues from $20 to $25. The recent increase of dues did not address family memberships.

E. *Needs to be deleted. Seems to be in conflict with ARTICLE III, C which states "The membership shall consist of only one grade, that of member.) Presently reads:*
"Additional support for the work of the Society is offered as a $25 contributing membership and a $50 sponsoring membership."

F. becomes item E. *(due to elimination of E)*

ARTICLE V

D. Of the first Directors elected one shall serve for a period of three years, one for a period of two years, and one for a period of one year. The first designation of terms shall be by drawing lots. Thereafter each year one Director shall be elected by the membership of the Society for a term of three years.

Clarification of the phrasing and removing the reference to the annual meeting since nominations are now presented in September and elected in October. Presently reads:
"Of the first Board of Directors elected one shall serve for a period of three years, one for a period of two years, and one for a period of one year. The first designation of terms shall be by drawing lots. Thereafter one Director shall be elected by the membership of the Society, from a list submitted by the nominating committee, at its annual meeting for a term of three years."

F. Vacancies of an elected Board member (not an officer) shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board of Directors subject to the approval of the members of the Society at the next regular business meeting.

Clarification that this clause refers to the Directors not the officers. (See ARTICLE VI Section F.) Vacancies to be filled by all of the members of the Board of Directors not just the three directors. A wait until the annual meeting for membership approval is not practical. Presently reads:
"Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by the remaining Directors subject to the approval of the members of the Society at the next annual meeting."

Chronology of early Eastern NC records.

Submitted by Paul Anderson

Letter after year date: b Bertie, c Chowan, e Edgecombe, g Granville, h Halifax, n Northamton counties.
All Anderson surname unless otherwise noted. Several other records have been listed as possibly related.

7.	James	1716c	7/12. Capps to James Anderson, land formerly belonging to Wm.
8.			Brasswell. Bk B-1 page 345(see Bertie deed A-19 below for description.)
9.	McDaniel	1717c	Daniel McDaniel grant, Yourah (Urahaw) Sw., NW Bryantown, 3-36
10.	McDaniel	1717c	Daniel McDaniel grant, Beverdam Sw, SE Aulander, 3-40
11.	Robert	1719c	witness in Chowan County
12.	James	1720c	12/12. James Anderson and wife Elizabeth to Joseph Sims, 100 acres, part
13.			of land formerly patented to Wm. Brasswell. C-1 176 (I)
14.			(James signs with his mark, Capitol "I" with a dash crossing the stem.)
15.	James	1720c	11/11. James Anderson and wife Elizabeth to Joseph Sims, 100 acres, part
16.			of land formerly patented to Wm. Brasswell. C-1 145 (I)
17.			(James signs with his mark, Capitol "I" with a dash crossing the stem.)
18.	Robert	1721c	neighbor in deed to Slayles, NS Morattock River and Possum Creek.
19.	James	1722c	3/3. James of Bath to Capt. John Grey, 400a NS Morattock
20.			Rv. In Occoneeche Neck, part of 640a sold to James by
21.			Capps 7/12/1716. Bertie deed A-19.
22.			(James signs with his mark, Capitol "I" with a dash crossing the stem.) (I)
23.	McDaniel	1722c	3-105, deed notes land joining Daniel McDaniel, NE side Cypress Sw.
24.	Robert	1722c	4/6. Grant 640a Chowan Precinct, Chuiatt tuck SW branch.
25.	Bertie County Formed 1722 from Chowan and Bath.		
26.	John	1726e	Witness on a deed for property on SS Morattock Rv..
27.	Carolus	1726b	10/31. VA land Pt for 180a. SS Meherrin River.(VA/NC line survey 1728.
28.	John	1727	1/_. John of Henrico Co., VA, to Bryant, Power of Atty. To
29.			collect debt. (This John Anderson lives in Virginia.)
30.	Carolus	1728b	5/13. Boon to Carolus, 200a on Meherrin Rv. At Great Gutt.
31.	James		Noted in a deed as living next to another. (last James)
32.	Tyrrell County formed 1729 from Chowan, Bertie and Pasquitank.		
33.	Robert	1729b	2/7. Wilson to Robert, 450a Connehow? Creek.
34.	Robert		Noted in a deed as living next to another.
35.	John	1731b	Witness, Morattock Rv..
36.	Edgecombe County formed 1732 from Bertie County.		
37.	William	1733e	Witness on deed Scott to Golf, 1-54.
38.	John	1733e	Witness on deed Nairne to Bell, 1-73.
39.	John	1733b	John witness on Daniel McDaniel's will dated 4/6/1733. Probated 5/2/1734.
40.			John married Ann McDaniel who is noted in Daniel's will as a daughter.
41.	Elizabeth	1733b	August Court, will probated. Elizabeth only notes children: Carolus,
42.			James &Elizabeth. Elizabeth had no real property because the elder son,
43.			John, had inherited all of James's property through Heir At Law.
44.	John	1734b	Witness, Morattock Rv. We believe this is John. Jr.
45.	Edward	1734b	June 17, Edward Anderson and Thomas Bryant, Executors of John
46.			Anderson, deed to Bodie 440a northerly side of Morattock Rv. & N side
47.			Bridges Creek. Bertie Co. Book D-206. Recorded August Court, 1735.
48.	Ann	1734b	10/ 6, Ann McDaniel Anderson Martin was appointed Executrix
49.			of George Martin's estate.
50.	Ann	1735	May 19, Ann Anderson Martin received grant of 640 acres, NS NW Cape
51.			Fear River. Cumberland County.
52.	Ann	1735e	11/21, Thompson sold 50 a to Ann Martin Anderson, 1r-123, Conoconnara
53.			swamp.
54.	Robert	1736t	1/29, Robert of Bertie to Johnson, 540a up Chury anttook Bk E-68.
55.	Robert	1736t	3/15. Robert of Tyrrell to Legett, E-6, Kesia Neck, (Terances) Bertie Co.
56.	Carolus	1736b	Boon to Carolus. 50a Meherin Rv. At Gut.
57.	Carolus	1736b	Boon(e) to Carolus, 150a SES Corewy Swamp. (Coreway)
58.	Carolus		Noted in a deed as living next to another.
59.	John	1737b	8/17, Witness NS Morattock Rv. bk E 179. Wit. Stine (I), Wit. Well (I)

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*(**Chronology**: Continued from page 76)*

60.	Joseph	1737b	Witness, Chowan Rv
61.	Joseph	1738b	Witness, town of Ahoskie Ridge.
62.	John	1738e	2/3. Witness, E-383.
63.	George	1738b	1/13. Bass to George, N. of Morattock Rv., S. of Bear Cr., town of George.
64.	Joseph	1739?	Witness, Flat Swamp. The only Joseph in the area was the king's Attorney
65.			General, Ann's third husband.
66.	Robert	1739e	11/20 Granted 940 acres on Little Conehoe and Flat Swamp.
67.	Charles	1739b	Witness on a deed for property on Meherin Rv.
68.	Carolus	1739b	2/7. Carolus to Ben Cobb,150a PT to Boon originally,
69.			Conoroy Swamp. (Conoray)
70.	Carolus	1739b	10/16. Bryant to Carolus, 100a SS Meherin Rv.
71.	Mary	1739b	Witness, Catawatskey Meadows.
72.	Carolus	1739be	On Jury list for Bertie and Edgecombe Counties.
73.	Mary	1740b	Witness Poplar Swamp
74.	Northampton County formed 1741 from Bertie County.		
75.	Carolus	1741n	9/15. Witness, Kirby Creek.
76.	Robert	1742b?	John to Leggett, originally Pt'ed to Robert in 1722.
77.			Chewatock Swamp.
78.	Carolus	1743e	Grant for transporting 11 persons. Upper Edgecombe.
79.	William	1744e	William joining in deed Lee to Knite, 5-320.
80.	Carolus	1745n	4/11, Carolus to Tyner, 320 a on Kirby's Creek and Indian Branch
81.	Carolus	1745n	5/3, Carolus to Andrews, on swamp joining Boon
82.	John	1745n	5/3 witness on above deed
83.	Carolus	1745n	5/27. Baker to Carolus, 460a, NH Co., SS Meherrin Rv., Little Sw.
84.	George	1745b	George to Hill, 200 or 260 acres on Bear Creek.
85.	Susanah	1745e	4/11 Grant of 500 acres on Dry Pond Creek.
86.	Granville County formed 1746 from Edgecombe County		
87.	Carolus	1746-48n	5/24. Carolus to Corbett, 220a SS Kirby's Cr. Low side Indian Cr.
88.	Ann	1747b	Joseph and Ann, Executors of George Martin's Estate, to John
89.			Hall (Hull) and wife Ann Martin. M. 9/12/1744
90.	William	1748b	8/8. Fleetwood to Wm. (Joiner) Anderson 100a NES Salmon Creek.
91.	William	1748b	8/8. William and wife Mary pay for land purchased from Fleetwood on
92.			ES Salmon Creek formally belonging to Goodby.
93.	Carolus	1749n	11/21. Nelson to Carolus, 460a SS Meherrin Rv., joins Little Sw.
94.	Carolus	1750n	Carolus to Warren, son-in-law, 160a Meherrin Rv. At Little Sw.
95.	Carolus	1752n	2/10. Made will, 2/52 court
96.	Ann	1752c	7/8. Executrix of the Joseph Anderson estate, deed to Caruthers.
97.	Isaac	1753e	Spell to Isaac, 2-217.
98.	Cumberland County formed from Bladen, 2/19/1754		
99.	Halifax County formed from Edgecombe, 12/12/1754		
100.	Isaac	1754e	8/21. Sold 50 acres Thompson sold his mother Ann in 1735, see ln. 52
101.	Nichols	1754b	Nathaniel Nichols, grant NS Hearts Delight Pocoson, 640a.
102.	William	1754e	William witness, Gill to Steel, 2-154.
103.	William	1754e	William witness on Inventory of Wm. Steel, 2-263.
104.	William	1754e	William witness on deed, Steel to Watson, 2-308.
105.	Isaac	1755e	Sessums to Isaac, 2-185. (south Edgecombe)
106.	George	1757g	Will, St John's Parish, Granville County, notes bequeath to George
107.			Anderson, son of brother William.
108.	Peter	1757e	Witness on deed Smith to Sturdivant, 6-345.
109.	Isaac	1758h	2/1. Witness on Price to Forman deed. Halifax 7-40. SS Morotock.
110.	Peter	1758e	Adam to Peter, 6-341.
111.	James	1760h	James joining as noted in grant to Marshell, 8-219.
112.	James	1761e	Witness on deed Hart to Boker, 00-292.
113.	Isaac	1761h	Isaac joining in deed Pierce to Bell, 8-10.
114.	Isaac	1762h	3/16. Wit. On Foreman to Foreman deed, Mill Sw & Chapel Sw.
115.	Isaac	1762h	3/18. Wit. On Foreman to Hobgood, Halifax County at Hobgood.
116.	Ann	1762c	Granted 313 acres on Matchaconeck Cr. by Lord Granville. Pt bk 11-98.

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117.Peter	1763h	Peter joining in deed Adam to Daiken, 8-343.
118.William	1763h	William joining in deed Starkey to Hyde, 8-368.
119.Judith	1763e	Lilli (sic), daughter of Judith, bound to John Copper.
120.Peter	1764h	Peter from Adam, 8-370.
121.Isaac	1765h	1/1. Isaac & w. Judith to Kitchen, Keheekee Sw, adj. Ann Martin, 9-152.
122.Peter	1765h	Peter joining Lane in deed Lane to Thompson, 9-427.

MARY J. TOMLINSON PITTMAN EATMAN OBITUARY

The Wilson Times

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mrs. T. W. Eatman

On Saturday, April 8th, 1916, in the still hours of night the death angel quietly entered the home of Mrs. T. W. Eatman and bore her spirit away to the place of abode from whence no traveller ever returns. She had been in very feeble health for several months and though her death was a shock to relatives and friends, it was not unexpected. She will be greatly missed in her community. In her home she was a devoted wife and mother, always a friend of her neighbors, ever ready to lend a helping hand here and there where help was needed, especially among the sick and afflicted and among the needy one in her community. She was a faithful member of Horn's Church and loved her church and attended as long as her health would permit.

She was formerly a Miss Tomlinson of this county; was twice married, her first husband was George Pittman. Some years after his death she married T. W. Eatman; he preceeded her to the grave three months.

Six children are left to mourn a mothers loss, two sons, Mr. Howard Pittman and Mr. J. E. Eatman, and four daughters, Mrs. Florence Thompson, Mrs. R. L. O'Neal, Mrs. Ben Davis all of this county and Mrs. R. W. Pugh of Petersburg, Va.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. B. Perry of Bailey, N. C., and her remains gently laid to rest in the family burial ground. The floral designs were numerous and beautiful.

[Editor's Note: George Pittman, son of John and Penelope Pittman, married Mary J. Tomlinson, daughter of Willie and Sally Tomlinson, on January 17, 1869 at the home of Gray Ellis. Telfer Eatman, age 22, married Mary J. Pittman, age 23, on November 3, 1874. The marriage was performed by J. F. Eatman, J. P., at M. J. Pittman's home, witnessed by I. Tomlinson, Patsy Tomlinson, and B. Tomlinson (*Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina,* by J. Robert Boykin). The *Wilson County 1880 Census* by Boykin, and the *1900 Census* by Howell, lists the children in the household as daughters, Effie, Mattie, Flonnie B., Vella, Fannie, and Mary E., sons Howard F., Willie, and Joel E. Also living with them was Wilson Eatman, brother of Telfair. Telfair (b. 1850) was the 8th of the 15 children of Peter (b. 1814) and Millicent Eatman of Oldfield Township. Peter was the son of Joel and Bedy Eatman; Joel was the son of John Eatman (b. ca 1732), one of the first Eatman residents in (now) Wilson County. See the Eatman article on p. 72.]

Mr. B. F. Briggs Dead

The Wilson Times, May 13, 1910

Submitted by J. Robert Boykin

Yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock Mr. Benjamin F. Briggs, one of Wilson's oldest and esteemed citizens died at his home on Goldsboro street after a prolonged illness. Earlier last year Mr. Briggs suffered a stroke of paralysis and since then had been in feeble health but he had partially recovered and was able to be out until another stroke came last month which caused the end.

Mr. Briggs was born in Wayne county on Nov. 16, 1936. He moved from Wayne to Black Creek this county and was a resident of that town when he was elected clerk of the court in 1866 when he moved to Wilson. Mr. Briggs served as clerk of the court two years. In 1868 he was elected sheriff of Wilson county which position he held for four years. Afterwards he became engaged in the insurance business and until a few years ago was actively engaged in both the fire and life branches and was owner and proprietor of the Brigs hotel of this city. For the last several years Mr. Brigs, owing to his advanced age was not actively engaged in business.

Mr. Briggs was a staunch member of the Baptist church and for twenty-four years has been one of the pillars of the church. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, which order he joined before the civil war. Mr. Brigs was a Confederate veteran, serving in Co. A of this county. He was elected Lieutenant after the organization of this company and soon afterwards was promoted to captain. His company belonged to the fifty-fifth North Carolina regiment.

Mr. Riggs was twice married and leaves his wife and one child, Mr. R. G. Briggs, of Wilson, surviving. He was a gentleman of charitable instincts, kind hearted and noble impulses.

[Editor's Note: Based on an inquiry received several years ago, B. F. Briggs is also recorded as the father of George Franklin Lamm.]

The Briggs Hotel was located on Nash Street across from Herrings Drug Store. It was torn down in the 1950s and replaced by a Roses store.

Photo from: *The Rise of a Southern Town, Wilson North Carolina, 1849-1920.* Patrick Valentine 2002

EARLY NASH COUNTY ELECTION PROBLEMS INCLUDING SOME OF THE AREA NOW IN WILSON COUNTY

By Hugh B. Johnston, Jr.

Since Nash County originally included the N. W. portion of Wilson County as far south as Contentnea Creek, some of its more remote inhabitants were then about twenty-four miles from the County Court House. The convenient and safe passage of Tar River was not always possible after big freshets in the early days, and this fact combined with that of distance sometimes interfered with the convenient holding of elections and the prompt transaction of other business of a public or private nature.

On the third Monday (16) of November in 1801, "the Inhabitance on the south side of Tar River" to the number of one hundred thirty-nine petitioned the North Carolina General Assembly for a "Separate Election" on the grounds "That From their Remote Situation from the Court House in Nash County and having Several Deferant Water Courses to pass (to wit) Tar River and Tosneot Swamp Renders the attendance at Elections Extremely Difficult and Daingerous ...

"That they form Three Companies of melitia being Between Cotentany Creek & Tar River in an oblong Square Twenty two miles long and from Ten to Seventeen Broad that the Lower End Inhabitence of this part of the County is Situate at present from the place of Election from Twelve to twenty miles that the middle Inhabitence is from Eight to twenty five miles and in the Upper End from twelve to twenty five miles.

"And Whereas the Freedom of Elections is one of the greatest blessings of Liberty which at present is Rendered other ways from our Situation and almost Equal to a Denial of the Suffrages to many of us and having Reviewed With Pleasure the good effects produced to others in this State by Separate Elections Wee cannot on this Occasion Hisitate Longer

"and to the End that Legislative interferance may be procured on this Behalf Wee the subscribers Hereunto annexed Join with one Consent in Requesting that your Honourable Body will take the Hardship of our Case under your Serious Consideration & Grant us a separate Election at a place Which shall be Fixed on by Commissioners Appointed for that Purpose and under all Such other Regulations & Restrictions as you and your Wisdom shall think proper to Recommend and your Petitioners in duty bound Will Ever Pray ..."

Irwin Eatman
Samuel Devaughan
Noel Eatman
Joel Eatman
Jerimiah (X) Nichhols
Jonathan Cockrell
John (X) Eatman
Robert Eatman
Mark (X) Strickland
Arter (X) Sellers
Osburn (X) Strickland
Thomas Nairon
Enouch Monaham
William Batle
Richard Sanders
Sion Sanders
Gideon Strickland
Joseph (X) Philips
John (X) Dickason
John (X) Cockrell
George (X) Green
John Bonds, Junr.
Pilgrim L. Williams
John Flowers
Moses Smelly
Owen Sillevent (Sullivan)
Abram Winborne
John Taylor
David Winborne
William Healy
Theophilis (X) Eatman
Thomas Horn
Dempsey Taylor
Josiah Daviss
John Joyner

Nathaniel Powell
Brassell Nairn (X)
Jacob Rowe
William Devaughn
Rennison Tizzel (Tisdale)
Burwell Kent
William Driver
Wiley Kent
Oston (X) Locust
John (X) Locust
Martin Horn
Shadrik (X) Howard
Elisha Cockrell
John Sanders
James Perkins
Isom Devawn
Jacob Boykin
Jonathan Boykin
Nathaniel Moore
John Sowil
David Nicholson
Ishmael Strickland
Joseph Williamson
Labon Perse (Pierce)
Willias Morrass
Benjamin Nicholson
William Moore
Curnelus Sanders
Henry Horn
Thomas Hamilton
William Horn
William Deans
Godwin Johnson
Thomas Williamson
Arter Grizzel

Bartley Deanes
Benjamin Cobb
Daniel Grizzel
Hardy Boykin
Henry Tizzel (Tisdale)
William Grizzel
Benjamin Taylor
Charles Locust
Dun(can) Dew
Lancelot Vivrett
Robert Williams
Willy Williams
Samuel Winstead
Wilson Taylor
Joseph Barnes
Charles Carter
Joseph (X) Cockrell
John Williams
Wilson (X) Eatman
Edward Taylor
Semion Taylor
Thomas (X) Locust
John (X) Mannen
John Wells
Claiboun Man
James Vivrett
David Winstead
Thomas (X) Winstead
Jordan Jiner (Joiner)
Hartwil (X) Lankister
Gabriel Philips
Harry Locust
Joel Taylor
Drewry Bridgers
Isom (X) Parker

Daniel (X) Man
Arter Taylor
Reddik (X) Driver
Benjamin Flowers Senr
Micah (X) Flowers
Benjamin Flowers Ju^{r}
Michael Horn
Benjamin Driver
William Sanders
Jethro Harrison
Harod (X) Grizzel
William (X) Philips
Lazarus (X) Strickland
Henry Williams
James (X) Price
Henry Lewis
Lodrack Bisset
Edwin Brunly
Wiley Brantley
Sharod Brantley
Stephen Johnson
James Ferill
Willis Wiggins
William Owens
Benjamin Whitley
Rubin Carpentor
Solomon D. Parker
William Feagens
Cornelius Mitchel
John Carter
Lancarster Parker

[Editor's note: This is the first of several petitions which will be included in future issues regarding election difficulties.]

(Human Genome, continued from page 70)
practice, hair color is caused by several genes which switch on and off at various stages of maturity. Sometimes, a child born with this combination will be blond-haired at birth and become brown-haired at puberty.

It all sounds pretty confusing, and it is. To further complicate matters, chromosomes don't endure over generations as "Green" or "Jones" chromosomes. Instead, in the process of lining themselves up to divide into sets to go into eggs or sperm, the chromosomes get tangled and exchange pieces so that a "Jones" chromosome #14, for example, will lose 1/3 of its top end, to be replaced by 1/3 of the top end of a "Green" #14 chromosome. It doesn't take many generations before particular family characteristics have disappeared into a wilderness of mixed genes. In my own family, older generations all showed a distinct "beaked" nose, that has a prominent ridge about 1/3 of the way from the top. This beak shows in old family pictures until my generation. My grandmother, a Jenkins, brought straight noses into the line so that of the four grandchildren, two have beaks and two are straight. This seems to be a clear case of dominance (beaked) and recessive (straight). My grandfather probably had one gene for each so that his children had a 50/50 chance of getting the beaked gene. I didn't. Where did the beak come from? We know the family was of Welsh origin and can be traced back to a Celtic tribe which many have had the beaked trait. The beak trait is also an Italian trait, so a Roman Legionnaire could have traveled through Wales and left a souvenir many hundreds of years ago. Or it could simply be a matter of tangled chromosomes somewhere along the line.

Despite this tangle of chromosomes that makes up our individual genomes, it is very obvious that the human species is extremely uniform as to its basic genetics. If one views chromosomes from persons from China, Alaska, Africa, Arabia or wherever, the chromosomes are identical. There are differences in the types of genes contained. Some African individuals have a gene which causes red blood cells to make a sickle (half-moon) shape. This is a serious genetic defect in the African-American population, but in Africa it confers a survival benefit upon the carrier because it helps to prevent malaria. European-Americans, in general, do not have this gene.

Virtually all anthropologists now agree that the human population of our planet began in Africa sometime within the past five million years. Periodic migrations fueled new populations that adapted to their environment and harbored genetic changes that have endured, causing brown skin, yellow skin, pink skin, various hair color and a host of internal differences that now appear when these divergent populations merge in our world melting pot. Traits long suppressed within a population can now pop up as a "new" genetic problem or benefit.

From the earliest days of farming in the fertile river valley of eastern Europe, plant growers have recognized the benefits of "hybrid vigor", a phenomenon that occurs when two divergent individuals are brought together in such a way that new traits can appear that were suppressed in their native populations. Our changing world population is much like the primitive grasses of the Danube Valley of 7,000 years ago. New hybrids are being created every year. Perhaps in another 7,000 years, the world human genome will become more homogeneous (alike). Certainly we can hope that genetic research will help to eradicate hereditary defects.

However, it will not be likely that different species will produce offspring. The chromosomes must match, or there is no offspring. An exception is the mule, product of a horse and donkey each having a different number of chromosomes. Enough do match that a viable offspring is produced, but the sex chromosomes don't match, so mules are sterile.

In the next part of The Human Genome we will take a look at nature versus nurture. How much of what we are like comes from our genetic traits and how much comes from the culture in which we are brought up? Future parts will also deal with population migrations over the last 250,000 years that have produced our current world population groups. ***Series written by Henry Powell***

Dues Increase for 2003

By vote of the Board of Directors, dues renewal for 2003 membership for current members will be $20, payable by January 30, 2003. New members may sign up from now until December 31, 2002, for $15 which includes the rest of this year and all of next year. New memberships from this point do not get back issues for 2002, but these are available at $10 for January-June 2002. Please use the order form on page 81 for new memberships.

Members

We no longer list new members in *Trees*. Mailing and E-mail addresses seem to find their way into commercial promotional lists, and *Trees* is distributed to a number of locations from which names could be obtained.

A list of members, addresses, and surnames of interest is mailed to individual members each year

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WCGS members have full posting privileges for the E-group.

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President's Message

Hello,

The summer is nearly gone. The fall season is always exciting for those into family history as this is the season for meetings, fairs, and reunions that help us to broaden our views and to learn from others.

The annual fall meeting of the North Carolina Genealogical Society takes place on November 8 & 9 at the Wake County Commons in Raleigh, about an hour from Wilson. The speaker this year sounds interesting with a talk entitled "Breaking through brick walls: Using your head!" and several others of similar nature. Details www. ncgenealogy.org.

Pitt County Family Researchers will hold its annual reunion on October 4 & 5 at the Hooker Memorial Christian Church in Greenville, about an hour from Wilson. If you have any connections there, then you will find this is the place to be. Details: www. rootsweb/~ncpcfr/.

Buncombe County will hold its annual genealogy fair on October 26 at the Asheville mall, about 5 hours from Wilson. Make hotel reservations early as this is still the season for pretty leaves in the mountains. Even if you don't have any "hillbilly" ancestors, Asheville is always delightful. We enjoyed the Bridle Path Inn, a mountainside bed & breakfast, where we had a delightful weekend recently.

It is never too early for resolutions. Henry says he has a new resolution to get to know Nansemond County, Va., (Suffolk) better. This is a "burned" county which is very important to our Wilson County heritage. Many of our founding families came from there but it is hard to find any records on their life there.

We'll keep you posted on our progress in months to come.

Sue Powell

WCGS Program — September 24

Patrick Valentine, Library Director for Wilson County, will present details on his recently published book, *The Rise of a Southern Town: Wilson, North Carolina 1849-1920*. It is reported that this book is enjoying a healthy sale, and it is a good volume to have if you are interested at all in the history of our county. Patrick will have copies available for purchase.

In other business, there will be a vote on adoption of several "technical" amendments to the WCGS By Laws. These are not changes in procedure but matters of wording. They were listed in the August issue of Trees.

The floor will also be opened for further nominations for 2003 officers of WCGS. The slate of nominees that has been selected is:

President—Sue Powell
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The October meeting will be our last in the Library Meeting Room until the renovation is completed in about two years.

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The Human Genome Part III

[*Editor: the first two parts of this series were basic information on genetics and inheritance. Hopefully, the regular reader will find the earlier information useful in interpreting the following article from ABC News*]

Gene by Gene

By mapping the genetic history of a remote British island group, scientists have uncovered new clues about the way Britain was populated and may even help doctors fight modem-day diseases.

The study published today by geneticists at University College London set out to reveal whether the ninth century Viking invasion of the Celtic Orkney Islands is evident in the genetic makeup of its present-day inhabitants.

By studying the genetic roots of a population, the study's main author, David Goldstein, says we can reveal facts about human history that archaeology and written sources are unable to uncover. Such studies also have an epidemiological significance since they can help researchers isolate genes that influence common ailments such as heart disease.

Although the cultural and linguistic influence of the Viking invasion was never in doubt, the study aimed to chart the extent to which the Norsemen interbred with the islands' indigenous population. Samples from male islanders as well as from control groups in Ireland, Wales, Norway and the Netherlands were examined to uncover Y chromosome heritage.

Surprising Similarities

Goldstein found there was a strong Scandinavian genetic influence among the 71 islanders that were examined — evidence that there was plenty of Viking blood among the now far-from-fierce islanders.

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Family Connections
Wilson Daily Times August 2002

I would like to know some details on my Barden family.
CB, Wilson.

The first written record of the Barden surname is found in England in the county of North Yorkshire in 1176 when the name of Abraham de Barden was recorded. The term "de" means of or from; therefore Abraham was a resident of Barden. The little crossroads hamlet was probably present at the time of the Conquest of England by William of Normandy in 1066, who granted the surrounding countryside to Robert de Rumilly for his services in the invasion. Most of the area was then set aside as a royal hunting area called The Forest of Barden. The most likely origin of the name Barden comes from the French word for armor, "barde", mainly that made for horses. It is possible that an early resident was engaged in such activities and the name became associated with the hamlet. It is clear that the surname Barden goes back well before any recorded history.

The neighborhood had been occupied since Celtic times, and possibly even before, and was visited by an Irish monk in the time of St. Patrick (389-461 AD). Early Christian missionaries chose old Celtic religious sites for their mission and the nearby River Wharfe with its ford was a typical revered water feature in the Celtic religious life. The Celtic Christian Church was later occupied by a group of French monks who founded Bolton Abbey on the same site. This produced a great economic bonus for the neighborhood as there was plenty of work available. The Forest of Barden was a popular royal playground and six cottages were built to house wardens placed there to protect the game, mostly deer, for royal hunting pleasure. These "wood wardens" had their contribution to our local family heritage as their occupational title lives on in the surname of Woodard.

One of the six warden's houses was occupied in the early 1500s by a local lord of the manor, Henry Clifford, who had lost his title and land in the War of the Roses. Clifford appealed to Henry VII, who had won that battle, and was given back his land originally held by Robert de Rumilly, including a castle in the nearby town of Skipton. Having spent most of his early years in poverty, working as a shepherd, Clifford chose the only remaining warden's house and rebuilt it into a fine manor, Barden Tower, where he lived out his life. The tower later fell into disrepair but remains today as a splendid ruin, well worth a visit as well as for its adjoining restaurant.

The son of Henry VII, the often-married Henry VIII dissolved the religious houses of England in 1539 and created the Church of England. Although history tells us this was done to obtain a divorce from his first wife, the truth of the matter probably lies closer to the fact that these vast monastic estates controlled much of the land in England and paid no taxes at all. With the fall of Bolton Abbey, the local population scattered across England to seek other work, and the Barden family was later found in several different locations, including Virginia by the late 1600s.

When we follow the general movement of members of this family, it seems to be mostly to southern England after the fall of the religious houses and then to the American colonies sometime after the founding of Jamestown in 1607. We find no evidence of the arrival of any Barden in Virginia from England, but there are records of several arrivals into the New England states. We find a John Barden living in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, by the late 1600s. It is possible that this John descends from an earlier New England immigrant, and there is

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*(**Barden**, Continued from page 83)*
some evidence of an active coastal movement between the Massachusetts area and Virginia.

John Barden of Isle of Wight County owned land in the area near the present town of Windsor, and we find that he witnessed several documents along with a William Barden. By 1713 we find a John Barden in Northampton County on land along the Meherrin River. His sons included William and Jesse. By 1757, William was selling off his land in Northampton County. By 1759 John, Jesse, William, Jacob, and Simon Barden were in Wayne County where they owned land on Great Swamp near Nahunta.

By the early 1800s there were numerous Bardens in the same area, including James, Jesse, Benjamin, Arthur, Ann, Elias, Timothy, Ephriam, Simon, Drucille, Alice and others. All appear to be descendants of the brothers who settled here in 1759.

At this point we should point out that some researchers are convinced that the Barden family has Native American genetic stock. We found no evidence of this in any reputable reference material and suspect that most southern Bardens descend from John of Isle of Wight County who was of English origin. The spelling of the family name changes over the generations from Barden to Bardin. There appears to be no significance to these differences.

Arthur Bardin, b. 1775, son of Simon, married Penelope Simms, granddaughter of Robert Simms, the largest land owner in Wilson County history. Arthur inherited a large section of land from Penelope's father (Britton) and purchased other land that turned out to be astride the route of the Weldon-Wilmington Railway line. After Arthur's death in 1847, two of his sons, Benjamin and John, began to sell off lots that now comprise the Town of Black Creek.

Your line comes from John Barden of Isle of Wight County to John of Chowan Precinct (d. 1739) to Simon of Dobbs County (d. 1785) to Arthur (d. 1847) to Arthur, Jr. (d. ca 1870) to Isaac B. (d. 1912) to your grandfather, Arcemus C. (d. 1934).

Henry & Sue Powell
With assistance from C. C. Lucas, MD

ERWIN NADAL TOBACCO CO.
The Wilson Times, May 6, 1910
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Cigarette Factory at Work.

The Erwin Nadal Tobacco Co., of this city, manufacturers of Contentnea cigarettes, has begun operations and today its product is on sale at all cigar stands in the city, while traveling representatives of the company have gone out offering their excellent cigarette to the trade. Cigarette smokers say that "Contentneas" is a fine article and they had a ready sale at the many dealers today. Each package contains a picture of some southern league baseball player.

There's no reason why the Wilson made cigarettes should not be as good or better than those made elsewhere for experienced gentlemen in the business are connected with the company. We hope that this latest industry of our city will meet with the greatest measure of success, and become one of Wilson" greatest enterprises.

R. E. BARDIN OBITUARY
Zion's Landmark, Vol. 42, No. 6, February 1, 1909
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

R. E. BARDIN

The subject of this sketch was born March 14, 1871, and died November 7, 1908, from an operation for appendicitis. He was married twice, the first time to Miss Victoria Overman, in the year 1892. They went to Crews, Va., where he worked in the railroads shops. His wife being very weakly, later they moved back to Wayne county, N. C. where he engaged in farming. He and his wife united with the church at Upper Black Creek. He was a good neighbor, faithful member and kind husband. I never saw him too tired to wait upon his wife who for years was in very feeble health. After her death he moved to Selma, Johnston county, N. C.

In the fall of 1907 he was married to Miss Lula Kirby, to which union was born one son. He was always very fond of children, and I never saw anyone more delighted over a child than he was. But the good Lord saw fit to take him from this world of trouble, where the unworthy writer believes he has gone to rest. He leaves two brothers, four sisters, wife and one child to mourn their loss which is his eternal gain.

M. R. Hooks.

Fremont, N. C.

[Editor: the scant information available suggests that this was Robert E. Bardin, son of William H. Bardin and grandson of Arthur Bardin of Black Creek. We would be interested to receive confirmation or other information. William H. and Sarah Bardin also gave birth to David, Pollie, Viola, Jesse, William, Smethie and Needham.]

The Farrior Family
Submitted by Jason Michael Brock

Our founding families project has produced many entries, some of which do not qualify as true founding families (here as a family in 1860 and 1870). The Farrior family is a good example. Jefferson Davis Farrior was born in Duplin County, NC in 1861. He married Annie Viola Applewhite in Stantonsburg in March 1886. After marriage they lived in Goldsboro and moved to Wilson sometime before 1903 where Farrior operated a very successful livery stable. This magnificent Neo-Classical Revival home was built in 1903 at the corner of Goldsboro and Lee Streets on the site of an earlier Wainwright home. The home was purchased by the City and demolished in the 1960s. The site is now a parking lot.

There were two children from this marriage. Jonathan (1886-1908) died young. Estelle (1888-1957) died in Elizabeth City, NC where she had married Carl Blades. Their daughter Margaret (1910-1995) married Frank

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The James Anderson Family, 1660-1760
(continued from August 2002)
Submitted by Paul K. Anderson, Jr.

Note: line numbers cited in the body of this text relate to the Chronology printed in the August 2002 issue of ***Trees.***

John Anderson and wife Ann	Robert Anderson and wife ( )	James Anderson and wife Deborah	Carolus Anderson and wife Mary	William Anderson and wife
(James)	(James)	James	(James)	(James)
(Daniel)	( )	( )	( )	(George)
John	Robert	John	Charles?	William
(?)	John			
Peter	William			
Isaac				
( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
(Elizabeth)	(Elizabeth)	Elizabeth	(Elizabeth)	(Elizabeth)
( )	( )		Mary	
			Rachael	
			Sarah	
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Daniel McDaniel,#2, wife Sarah	Archibald McDaniel and wife	Alexander McDaniel and wife	James McDaniel and wife	Joseph Anderson and wife Ann
Daniel	(Daniel)	(Daniel)	(Daniel)	DIL Lucy

Second Generation:(probably born 1680-90s)

We find John, Robert, James, Carolus, William Anderson, Daniel McDaniel #2 and his brothers more than likely representing the second generation in old Chowan County and newer Counties established from Chowan.

John Anderson:

According to the "naming pattern", John and Ann's first son would be named after James Anderson and their second son named after Daniel McDaniel. It is indicated that these two sons are deceased. The James on line 31 could have been the first son. The third son would be named John, after the father. We do not know who was John's oldest brother, therefore the fourth son is not identified. Since Robert, James and Carolus had moved from the Roanoke River area, the remaining younger Andersons on the Chronology are included in the John and Ann Anderson family by default. In Peter's will, his first son is indicated to be named John, discussed later. Isaac has the identity with Ann through property and his plantation location, discussed later.

John, on lines 26, 28, 35, 38, 39 & 44 is well identified. The information on line 45 confirms his death before June 17, 1734. The Chronology also shows the presence of a John Anderson after 1734 (lines 59, 62, 82). This is probably the third son of John and Ann. I think this is also the John Anderson who migrated to Craven County and received a 556-acre grant North of the Neuse and South of Swift Creek in the Vanceboro area. The John who received the 556 acre grant in Craven County signs deeds with his mark, a capital "I" with a dash in the middle like his grandfather, James.

Robert Anderson:

According to the "naming pattern" Robert's first son would be named James. We do not have his wife's father's name, therefore cannot identify the name of the second son. The third son would be named after the father, Robert, and we have a record of a Robert Anderson, Jr., #5 on the tax list. The fourth son would be named after Robert's older brother whom we suggest was John.

We believe the William on lines 90 and 91 belongs to Robert. Salmon Creek is in the SE part of Bertie County and flows into Albemarle Sound, very close to the old Tyrrell County line.

Hugh B. Johnston indicates in his research that Robert could read and write. Possibly brother John and Robert received some education in Virginia before migrating with James Anderson to North Carolina.

James Anderson:

According to the "naming pattern", James and Debough's first son would be named James. There exists a detail record of this son, James who migrated to Craven County in 1738 and received a 100-acre grant north of the Neuse River.

In this case, the third son is named after James Anderson's oldest brother because he already had a son named James. This oldest brother was named John. We have deeds and a will identifying this James Anderson family.

We also have a court birth record of a daughter being born to James and Debough named Elizabeth, born 10/6/1706.

Carolus Anderson:

According to the "naming pattern" his first son would be named James. His third son was apparently named Charles. It is possible that the given name Carolus should have been Charles. [Editor: *Carolus* is the Latin word for Charles.]

William Anderson :

According to the "naming pattern" William's first son would be named James. We have no projection for the name of his second son. His third son was named William Anderson, Jr., after himself. According to the wills of William, Jr.

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and George, we know that they were brothers.

Daniel McDaniel :

Daniel McDaniel, #2, apparently moved South of the Yrahow and Bear Swamps to the NE side of the Cypress Swamp which is mostly on the NE side of the Roanoke River, South of US Hwy 258. Daniel made his will 6/5/1768, probated February Court, 1769. An abstract of the will shows him naming his eldest son, Daniel McDaniel, daughter Ann, sons Archible, Camel and John and daughter Elizabeth in this order as noted on the above profile. This tends to support the possibility that an Ann was Daniel McDaniel, Sr.'s first wife.

Archibald :

We have no additional information at this time.

Alexander :

We have no additional information at this time.

James :

We have no additional information at this time.

Joseph Anderson, Esq.:

Joseph was a distinguished citizen of Edenton, NC, Chowan County. He served as the Clerk of the Chowan County Court and as the King's Attorney. (lines 60, 61, 64, 88, 96)

Ann Anderson married, 3rd , Joseph Anderson after 1734-1735, lines 48, 50, 52. Ann was named Executrix of the George Martin, Esq., estate in his will dated 10/6/1734. The will was probated before Governor Gabriel Johnston 3/8/1735. Ann and Joseph Anderson become joint Executors of George Martin's estate some time in 1747 after Martin's daughter became of age. They settle his estate with John Hall and his wife Ann Martin Hall in 1747. Joseph makes his will 12/24/1750. It was probated 3/22/1751 and Ann is appointed Executrix. On 7/8/1752 Ann and Attorney Thomas Blount settle Joseph's estate with Joseph Caruthers and wife Mary Anderson Caruthers of Craven County.

We insert the Joseph Anderson biographical information to show the potential political influence Ann Anderson might have had in obtaining land grants for her children, grandchildren and her McDaniel brothers.

On 10/25/1774, Ann Anderson is one of the signers of the Edenton, NC Tea Party proclamation. On 9/17/1782 Ann makes her will. It is proved by Joseph Blount probated in December Court, 1788.

Third Generation: born 1700-1730

James, first son of John.

The James on line 31 is the last recording for a James. We feel this is John's first son because James Anderson, Sr. had retired to Bath several years before 1728.

Daniel, second son of John.

We have found no Daniel Anderson records in this area and time frame.

John, third son of John

I do not believe this John Anderson could read or write. The John Anderson witness signatures on Bertie deeds E-179 and E-383, lines 59 & 62, look different which means there were two different scribes transcribing the deeds into the court record. I believe this is the John Anderson who migrated to Craven County about 1754 and received a 556 acre grant.

It is interesting to note that in deed E-179 the two other witnesses used the mark, a capital "I" with a dash in the middle. This suggests that a John S. Stine and a Joseph Wall are related in some way to old James Anderson.

We do not know the birth order of the below children.

Peter, son of John.

Peter made his will in Nash County 6/30/1801, probated in the November Court, 1801. Peter's first listed son was named John after his father and second son named Hardy, presumably named after his wife's father. The first daughter was named Mary after his wife's mother and the second daughter named Anney after Peter's mother. There is no Peter Anderson indicating the third male child died. Other male children were; Henry, William, Nathan, James and Howell. There was possibly a George who died young.

Isaac, son of John.

It is important for my Anderson line to have a well-identified Isaac because our family tradition notes an Isaac who fought under Washington at Valley Forge. This Isaac has a strong presence in the area as noted on lines 97, 100, 105, 109, 113-115, 119 & 121. It is interesting to note that on line 119, the court bound, Lilli (sic), daughter of Judith Anderson, to John Cooper in 1763. This indicates that Isaac could be deceased and his wife Judith was unable to care for the child.

Isaac and Judith's children and grandchildren would be old enough to be in the Revolution, 1775-1783. Their male children would be a John,( ), Isaac, James, and Daniel. I believe this John and brother Isaac migrated to Cumberland County about 1756. John received a grant of 160 acres, Grant Book 15 page 117. Isaac had Jury and Grand Jury duty between 1758-1762. In 1762, Isaac was appointed Constable between McNeills Creek and Crane Creek, close to John's 160 acres. John Anderson, Jr., #11 on the tax list, was with his extended family in Granville County and moved his family to the, upper Cape Fear in 1763-64.

James, first son of Robert.

In the Tyrell County Court Records for 1787, John Anderson is suing the estate of James Anderson for debt. Rachel Anderson, widow of James, is Executrix of James Anderson's estate.

Robert, third son of Robert.

It is noted on page 2, #5, that Robert, Jr. lived in Beaufort County. Beaufort County was taken from Bath in 1705. It is on the Eastern side of the colony along with Tyrrell County.

John, fourth son of Robert.

In 1787, John Anderson is suing the James Anderson estate for a debt owed to John. The court settled the case in favor of John in 1793. John is also #15 on the tax list.

James, first son of James.

James seems intelligent and educated. On 2/6/1742 his father willed him 5 shillings, "if he ever reappear." He did reappear 3/8/1746 after his brother's death. He correctly settled brother John's estate and we think he probably became guardian for John's minor children.

John, fourth son of James.

John died shortly after his father, James. He made his will 2/27/1745 and willed most of his real and personal property

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to Christopher Sutton in a way that leads us to think the property was left in trust for minor children until brother James reappeared.

Charles, third son of Carolus.

We do not have a clear picture of Charles. He did not survive his father.

James, first son of William, Sr.

James would have been the name of the first son. We have no information on James at this time.

George, second son of William, Sr.

George could have been named after his mother's father. This is the first use of that given name. On 7/6/1757, George made his will. He had wife Mary and daughters Eave and Elizabeth. There were apparently no sons. He makes a special bequeath to George Anderson, son of his brother William. I have seen several situations where younger brothers do a lot of parenting for themselves. This may be one of those situations. If William and George were born around 1730, they would not have known their father too well because he probably died about 1734.

William, third son of William, Sr.

On 11/29/1789 William, Jr. makes his will. William, Jr. names his first male child George. This break in tradition may suggest that the above brother George was more of a father to William, Jr. than William, Sr. was. His next two sons were James and William. The first two females listed in his will were Absala and Martha. Martha was the name of his first wife which means one daughter possibly died. With his second wife, Morning, he named a second William, then Carlos, Henry, Rachel, Morning, Penelope and Mary. A hand writing expert has suggested that on the original will, the "o" in Carlos was a "u" and written over to form the "o".

Conclusions:

By using the "naming pattern" system we are able to develop more realistic family profiles. For example, in the past, too much research has been completed on Elizabeth and her will. (line 41) We do not feel that her will alone can be used in describing her family.

When you look at the James and Elizabeth Anderson family profile previously presented by several researchers, father and/or mother and three children, it is not realistic. A larger number of people would be necessary to work the 640 acres that James purchased. I think we have realistically identified the son John and Ann McDaniel Anderson family. It is reasonable to assume that Robert was a part of this family early on. William was a real person at the right place at the right time. Hugh B. Johnston was the only researcher, I have found, who had documented the marriage of James and Elizabeth.

We feel the above profiles of the first and second Anderson family generations are in support of the third generation profiles. We have wondered where these well-identified third generation families came from and how they interact.

The information on lines 28 and 45 gives us a possible tie to our Virginia Connection. We think that the North Carolina family, James or John, was in debt to the Virginia family. Line 28 would be establishing a collection process while John was alive. Line 45 could show the Virginia family involved in John's estate settlement protecting that debt liability. We will obtain court records for these transactions.

Researcher, Charles Wittichen "Brother" Anderson, found a Henry Anderson family of Henrico County, VA with sons John, Edward and Henry, Jr..

The Chronology data lists real Andersons in real time and real events. We have attempted to put the data together in a reasonably acceptable profile of that Anderson family. We plan to revisit these events for more detail information that may further support and clarify what we have presented here.

WILSON'S WHOLESALE DRUG HOUSE

From the files of Hugh B. Johnston

Our first "Wholesale Drug House" was described in the January 31, 1867, issue of *The Southerner* of Tarboro which continued: "They have a wholesale drug house up in Wilson. Dr. Jos. J. Lawrence, formerly of this county, has opened a house of this kind, whose interior arrangements are said to be superior in point of elegance and finish. The "Great Organ" up there, goes on thus considerately:

"The building is of brick, is well adapted to the purpose for which it was built, and is, withal, a decided ornament to the town. The interior is handsomely furnished, and all the medicines are kept under glass, that they may be perfectly protected. The shelves are filled with a large and well selected stock of the purest and freshest drugs. Dr. Lawrence is himself a practical chemist, and with him is our old friend "Jeems," than whom, no man is more proficient in his business."

Some readers will remember that Dr. Lawrence, after living in Wilson for some years, went to St. Louis and made a great fortune before dying in 1909 next-door to the famous J. Pierpont Morgan in New York City.

[editor's note: Dr. Joseph Joshua Lawrence, A. M., M. D., son of Bennett Barrow Lawrence and wife Martha Ann Frances Knight of Edgecombe and Nash Counties was born on January 28, 1836, and died on March 14, 1909. He was the editor and publisher of the *Medical Brief* and developed the formula for *Listerine.* On May 3, 1859, he married Josephine Edwards (born September 2, 1841, near Snow Hill, N. C., died June 10, 1921, in New York City, daughter of Colonel Benjamin Sheppard Edwards and Jemima Powell Edwards). See in the September 1997 issue of *Trees*, on page 7, an article from the Hugh Johnston files about Josephine Edwards' family.]

OLDEST BRICK BUILDING

The Wilson Times, May 26, 1913

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

OLD BUILDING REMODELLED

Mr. Ernest Deans is preparing to improve his present office building, and will make thereof a two story structure. This is the oldest brick building in town and was built just after the war by Dr. Lawrence, who had his office there before he went to St. Louis and made a great deal of money out of proprietary remedies.

As mentioned in another notice Mr. Deans will have temporary quarters with Messrs. R. S. Barnes and company next to the postoffice.

EARLY PUBLICITY FOR WILSON COUNTY

The Wilson Times, March 25, 1913

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

SPLENDID ADVANTAGES

OFFERED BY THIS SECTION FOR FARMING AND MANUFACTURING.

ENTERPRISE OF THE

NOR. SOUTHERN R. R. CO

Wilson county offers splendid opportunity to home-seekers and homemakers. The large need is publicity. The fact that this section has but recently—within the past few years—begun to come into her own, agriculturally, is not known to the big world outside.

One of the leading citizens remarked the other day that Wilson could not long "live upon herself," and the truth was well spoken. More people are wanted and wanted now. Wilson town offers opportunity for many lines of business, especially manufacturing and jobbing lines. With the present railway facilities and the prospect of the coming of the Virginia and Eastern Carolina, a new line which will open up the territory between Wilson and Henderson, the future of Wilson as a manufacturing and distributing center is bright. With a municipal ownership plant and plenty of power to sell at a low rate, there is no reason why Wilson shall not grow.

Recently the Norfolk-Southern railway issued advertising matter which tells something of the agricultural importance of this county and particularly in reference to the tobacco growing interest. That circular gives these facts:

W. G. Carr, Wilson, N. C., sold his tobacco crop from 140 acres for $22,000.

W. R. Pridgen, Wilson, N. C., received over $28,000 for the crop from 100 acres of tobacco.

Ed. Bass, Wilson, sold the tobacco from 14 acres for $3,188.

U. H. Cozart, Wilson, received $15,500 for the crop from 75 acres of tobacco.

S. W. Smith, Wilson, received $6,875 for the crop from 25 acres of tobacco, an average of $275 an acre.

W. N. Webb, Wilson, sold the crop from 20 acres for $4,125.

A negro tenant, with one mule and four acres of tobacco, near Wilson, sold his crop for $1,600, and in addition made a good crop of corn and cotton.

The same circular states that the average price paid for tobacco on the Wilson market during the season was about 20 cents a pound, as against 18 1-2 cents at Greenville, and 18 cents at Kinston. The total sales at the three markets was: Wilson, 17,000,000 pounds; Greenville, 12,250,000 pounds; and Kinston, 8,000,000 pounds.

These facts are being scattered to the earth through the publicity department of the Norfolk-Southern railway, and Wilson will be better known. It is true that they may be "fancy facts," but what has been done by one farmer can be done by another.

What Wilson needs, and needs badly just now, is a determined effort to bring the opportunities of this town and county to the attention of the outside world.

RESTAURANT FIGHT

The Wilson Times, March 3, 1913

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Big Mayor's Court.

Mayor Dickinson had a big mayor's court this morning and the room was crowded with a throng of interested spectators.

The most interesting case was that of the trouble that occurred in the Star restaurant last night conducted by the Greeks.

There was a big array of witnesses. The case was continued until Friday morning to await the injuries to Mr. Calvin Young whom the Greeks assaulted. The three were put under bonds of $50.00 each.

It seems that Mr. Young went into the Greek restaurant after something to eat and several members of the Guy Johnson Stock Company playing here this week including some of the lady members were also dining in the restaurant. Mr. Young it seems addressed one of the ladies, who objected to his attentions and one of the Greeks told him to let her alone. Mr. Young remarked that he had a right to be in there and the Greek went to the phone and was taking down the receiver to call an officer, when it is said that Young objected to his phoning and struck the receiver knocking it form his hand.

The Greek then struck him and other Greeks came to his assistance. In the melee Mr. Young was knocked unconscious and was taken to the sanatorium where he is still confined.

The names of the Greeks are Mike Menadohe, Jim Mermas, Stavious Johnson. While the fight was in progress John Farmer and Jack Rowe ran in and it is said took it up and the Greeks turned upon them and Farmer and Rowe were also knocked out. Mr. Tom Uzzell represented the Greeks while Mr. W. A. Finch represented Farmer and Rowe.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

The Wilson Times, November 25, 1913

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

THROWS COCOANUT AT BOY.

John Saleeby, Charlie Saleeby and Jack Rowe were each fined $5.30 in the Mayor's Court this morning for disorderly conduct committed in an unusual manner.

It seems that a young boy named Flood, went into the candy store conducted by the two Syrians, an in some manner insulted one of the men. The Syrian accordingly put the youth out of his store.

Flood then went to Rowe and told him of the rough treatment he had received. Rowe went to the store and in an insulting manner challenged the Syrian to fight.

Angered by the boys' impudence the Syrian seized two cocoanuts from the fruit stand and threw them at the lad.

Luckily neither of the nuts struck the boy, but they served their purpose in getting rid of his challenger who very wisely took to his heels.

Witnesses this morning testified that Charlie Saleeby used a broom in ejecting Flood from his store.

[Editor's note: Copied as originally typed.]

Edward Morse Nadal Obituary

The Wilson Times, April 17, 1896

Contributed by Richard Barnes and J. Robert Boykin

A Great Loss

Last Monday afternoon, Mr. E. M. Nadal, whose sickness was noticed in these columns last week, passed quietly away surrounded by his family and friends.

He was usually a healthy man, but about two weeks prior to his death he was stricken with peritonitis. Last Tuesday night a week an operation was performed by the best physicians which could be procured. Before the operation was performed, Mr. Nadal was informed that he could not live if it was not performed, and that the chances were slim if it was. The operation was very successful and some hope was entertained of his ultimate recovery, but on Monday he grew worse, dying late in the afternoon.

Mr. Nadal was born in Washington, N. C., in 1843, his parents moving to Wilson while he was yet a small boy. He was at school at Horners' when the war broke out and, as a boy, enlisted and joined the 7th Confederate Calvary which was then independent. He was afterwards transferred to the 7th N. C. Battalion, commanded by Col. Tom Cannady. He fought through the war until the time of his capture in '64, with courage and credit. His career as a soldier was characterized by those qualities for which he was so much esteemed in his latter life.

At the close of the war he engaged in school teaching at Fremont and afterwards at Wilson, being professor of mathematics at the Wilson Collegiate Institute when it was one of the leading institutions of learning in the State. About this time he was married to Miss Maggie Fentress of Raleigh, who, with one son Ernest, constituted the family.

After leaving the Institute he associated himself in the drug business with Mr. M. T. Moye, and at the time of his death he was one of Wilson's prominent druggists.

Mr. Nadal had the honor of being the originator and the first President of the State Pharmaceutical Association and was long a leading member of the State Board of Pharmacy.

Since the foundation of the Wilson Building and Loan Association he has been treasurer of that organization. As an officer he has watched with pride the growth of this association and its development into a power and a great factor in the development of Wilson. He was also greatly interested in the Wilson Light Infantry, an organization which has no superior in the State. For a long time he was captain and has always been a great friend to the company. He was a good disciplinarian commanding both love and respect.

Mr. Nadal was a prominent Mason and was for a long time a Knight Templar, being a Master Mason, a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight and Templar Mason. He was also a Knight of Honor. He filled all these positions with zeal and was always for the upbuilding of the order.

He was also a consistent member and a pillar of the Wilson Presbyterian church, and was for a long time and up to the time of his death the superintendent of the Sunday school. In his death this church loses one who was always interested in her welfare.

And so when the time came last Wednesday for this man, whose death all Wilson mourned, was to be laid away, it could not be wondered that the people turned out en masse to show their respect to his memory. The funeral cortege left the home of the deceased headed by the Wilson Light Infantry, wended its way slowly and sadly to the church where he was wont to go. Next to the Military Company was the Knight Templars, who, with bowed head and sad hearts, were to lay their dead brother to rest. Following the hearse were the carriages of the family and friends.

The funeral services, which were conducted by Rev. Mr. Thomas, the pastor of the church, were simple, solemn and impressive. Mr. Nadal's favorite hymns were sung. His favorite texts were read and even in these texts could be seen the humble Christian.

The singing was excellent and was such as the deceased encouraged in his life. No eulogy was pronounced, only a recital of a few incidents in this man's life which were tributes in themselves.

The services were closed by the hymn which he liked to close the Sabbath school; "God be with you till we meet again."

And so with prayerful hearts for the living, and not for the dead, the congregation sorrowfully resumed its course to the grave. There the Masonic rights were held which were impressive; after which the Military company fired a salute. And so we resume our daily life. One more vacant place, one more loss to mourn. All that is left to us is the memorial in our hearts and the memory of one who in life was a progressive business man, a good citizen, a christian and a true man. [Editor's note: E. M Nadal is buried in Maplewood Cemetery along with his wife, Margaret, and infant daughter, Mamie. His son, Ernest F. was born 3 Jan 1872, died 11 Jul 1922. Ernest was also a pharmacist and is thought to be the builder of the Nadal Building, pictured below, and was also a dealer in grains and feeds, as well as owning a cigarette manufacturing company (see p. 84).]

The Nadal Building, corner of Nash & Tarboro Streets.

Constructed in 1899 as a drugstore, a section was added in 1901 for the Citizens Bank. Over the years the building has housed a jewelry story, a sewing machine store, a lunchroom and various other retail enterprises.

The building was purchased and removed by Thomas and Farris, Attorneys, who now use the site as a parking lot. Photo from *Wilson, North Carolina: Historic Building Inventory*. Kate Ohno. ©City of Wilson. May 1980.

EARLY NASH COUNTY ELECTION PROBLEMS INCLUDING SOME OF THE AREA NOW IN WILSON COUNTY (PART II)

By Hugh B. Johnston, Jr.

On September 16, 1818, a similar petition was signed by forty-six persons for holding an election "at the House of William Dorch Esqr. in the District of Captain Watkins of Nash County. On September 19, 1818, fifty-three citizens petitioned for an election in Captain Michael Collins's District "at the House of the aforesaid Collins." On September 21, 1818, fifty-one individuals signed a petition for an election at Captain Willis Hammons's District "at the House of Ansel Harrel," forty-four for an election "at the House of Edward Taylor" in Captain Samuel Winstead's District, forty-nine for "a separate Election at the House of Eli Manning" in the District of Captain Gideon Bass, and forty-six for an election in Captain George Cooper's District. (Legislative papers, Box L. P. 313). With the addition of fifty-one names from the Harrison's District petition that will be discussed later, and a sort of general petition of support with fifty-four additional names, we have a total of five hundred thirty-three. (a folder entitled "Reports, 1818, Legislative Papers, Box 311). "A Bill to establish a Separate Election in Each Captain's district "in Nash County was read for the third time and passed by the North Carolina Senate on December 5, 1818.

The concluding petition, already mentioned and dated September 27, 1818, is of particular interest to us because its fifty-one signatures can be readily identified with the present Oldfield Township area of Wilson County.

"To the Honourable General assembly of the State of North Carolina, Gentlemen, We the Petitioners of the County of Nash and District of Capt. Jethro Harrison, Pray your Honourable Body to Pass a Law, Granting us a Separate Election at our Muster Ground (viz) at Irven Eatmons old Field for the purpose of Electing members to the General assembly, Representatives to Congress, and Electors to Vote for President and Vice President of the United States, &c …

"Our object in this our petition is to have our Election in Each Captains district in s^{d}. County on the same day. For the convenience of the Inhabitants, Particular the old Respectable Citizens who are now infirm &c …. Knowing that your Honourable Body will meet in the City of Raleigh on the 3rd Mondy in Novr. next For the purpose of Enacting and Emendation of the Laws of this State, and Granting relief of Grievances &c We pray your Honourable Body to take our case under your wise consideration and Grant us our request in the premises, and we as duty Bound will ever pray &c… 27th Septr. 1818."

The signers of the above petition were as follows:

Jethro Harrison, Capt.	William Davis	William Colson
Jesse Simson	Jacob Row	John Sanders
Eli Mercer	Arthur Davis	Elisha Tisdal
Bartley Deans, J. P.	Jeremiah Jones	Noah (?) Cowan
Jeremiah Biggs	Alsey High	Jonathan Ricks
Nathan Morriss	Irvin Boykin	Thomas Williamson
Iredel Williams	Granbery Williams	Harris Horn
Henry Lewis	John Manning	Jonathan Wells
Jonas Wells	Wilson Eatman	Hardy Boyakin
Willias Morriss	Josiah Horn	Robert Easman
Noah Row	Irwin Eatman	Reddick Elice (Ellis)
W. Bunn, Jr.	George Green	Stephen Weaver
David Williams, J. P.	Theophilus Grice	Thos. Horn
John Stott	Owen Sillevent (Sullivan)	(Legislative Papers, Box L. P. 311).
Jno. Bonds	Josiah Davis, Sr.	
Weeks Williams	Henry Harrison, J. P.	
John Winburn	Eatmon Ferrell	
Hardy Boyakin	Josiah Davis	
Barden Williams	Grantham Horn	

Francis Beaman—Revolutionary Soldier

Information was provided to us for the recent "Family Connections" (***Trees***, August 2002, p.71) stating that Francis Beaman had not served in the revolution but had been named as a soldier in the fraud perpetrated by James Glasgow. [The copy of Connections printed in Trees was an uncorrected draft and inadvertently substituted "Civil War" for "Revolutionary War." The editors apologize for the error.]

Dr. Clement Lucas has provided records of service in the Revolution for Francis Beaman. The documentation is as follows:

Rich Square Monthly Meeting, 1775, 5,20. Francis & James (Beeman) on list of commanding officer, Col. Allen Jones. (Quaker Records, Henning)

Rendered Continental service as private, 84 months, North Carolina Line. Signed receipt May 11, 1785

(Roster of Soldiers from NC in the American Revolution, p.273.)

(Rev. War Accounts, NC State Archives, Vol. D, p. 143)

Grave Marker: Francis Beaman, Soldier of the American Revolution, NC Militia

(Clinton City Cemetery, Sampson County, NC)

Letter from Ireland —1819
From the Hugh Johnston files

Joseph Benson, Leather Carrier
Tarborough, North Carolina
America

To the Postmaster of Tarborough.
Dear Sir, If Joseph Benson and family left Tarborough, get this Letter Advertised and Charge the Expense on the letter. And if they be all dead, open the Letter and Write me an Answer Stating the particulars of his property and substance.

[the letter itself]

Tarbert July the 6th 1819

Dear Brother,

In the name of the great Lord Almighty I Write to you in the name of That Mighty God Who sent Joseph into Egypt and who brought his bones out again with a Mighty hand and outstretched arm, hoping that the same God would conduct and carry this Letter to you, As Posten Wrote to you once by post and other times by hand but received no answer from you since that of October the 22cond 1804, which causes me to fear that you are Dead.

You said in one of Your letters that you would rather than so many Dollars that you had my presence instead of My Letter, though I can't say so as you did not remit me so many halfpence. [I] owe you ungrateful, brother, if you had Known my trials those two last summers past, and part of that time the potatoes 1s. per stone *[Editor: a stone is a measure of weight, being 14 pounds in the American system]* for seven in family. So many Going now to America that you would not. If you be able remit me as much money as would take my family and me Dacently to you. My Worthy friend Edward Benson and family are gone to America. The best friend I have now under the Lord is the widow Hamilton. Edward Benson gave me both money and clothes before he left Ireland.

If you be rich, be so to the Lord if you do not remember Divases Lot and take care of it; if you be poor, remember Lazaruses Lot and be thankful; or if you are about remitting Money, do it in a careful manner. Remit to the Revd. Austin Martin of Tarbert, writing to him and me at one time.

Uncle William Benson of Limerick is Dead. Joseph Enoch Williams is Dead. Joseph Joseph Williams is Dead. The widow Hamilton and three children, John Williams Milktown and John Williams preacher, sister Heart and family are all Well. It is not long since I received a letter from Dear brother Enoch who had his trials those two last Seasons past as well as others with a heavy family, four Daughters, his wife, and himself. Sister Catherine is with them in London and is Marryed to a man of your Business.

I Bless the Lord through his Dieing Merits and by his Word preached by his servants and sent home to my heart and soul; I am become a new creature in Christ the redeemer. O Dear brother, remember the sufferings of the Lamb on Calvery and chews [choose] the better part like Mary and be a Joseph to the Lord. Dear Thomas, if your father is Dead, remember Your uncle in love and do all those things that I Desire your father to do. Remit the money if you can as I would wish to be with you together with all my family. The preachers of the Gospel of Christ will tell ye how to remit it and will also teach ye the way of life that ye may live for Ever with that holy God that made ye and with the holy Ghost that sanctified ye a charge to keep. I have a God to Glorify.

N. B. Stephen Cain, sister Grace's son, is also in America. Dear uncle, this is Written by me, Thomas Benson. Dear Brother, this is my son's Writing. My family joins me in love to you and children. I remain your loving brother and will pray for you and yours until Death still hoping to find you and family in good health as this leaves me and family in at present. I thank the great giver of all Good Gifts. We have six of our children now alive and Expect shortly to have the 7th. Your Namesake Joseph is a lively boy and making a great progress in learning.

John Benson

[A letter of May 5, 1819, of which the preceding is practically a verbatim copy, has the following difference at the end.]

N. B. This is the second letter this season. I remain your Dear Brother until Death.

John Benson

[Editor: We find a record for Joseph Benson in New Bern District of Dobbs County in the 1790 Federal Census. He was listed with three females. (Dobbs County later was separated into Greene, Lenoir, Wayne and Johnston Counties.) We found no record of Joseph Benson in the Edgecombe census and land records of that period. There was, however, a John Benson listed in the 1815 tax records (*1815 Tax List, Edgecombe County, NC* by David Gammon, 1985). There was also a Thomas Benson listed in 1825 when he took an order to make a coffin for Olive Linch (*Records of Estates, Edgecombe County, North Carolina 1761-1825, Volume I*, David B. Gammon, 1989). These could have been the children of Joseph Benson, but, if so, they moved away as we did not find them in available census documents of either Wilson or Edgecombe Counties. We found other records for a Jacob Benson (d. 1837) with children Jethro (d. 1824), Henry and Elizabeth (b. 1812). Jacob married Judah Woodard , daughter of Elisha Woodard, Jr. (no documentation available on the Jacob Benson line).
Tarbert is a village (present population 625) in the County of Kerry on the west side of Ireland.]

(**The Human Genome**, continued from p.82)

When comparing the credentials of Orkney's males against the Welsh and Irish control groups, the scientists stumbled across a remarkable similarity in the gene patterns passed down the male line. The similarities suggested that the populations on the so-called "Celtic fringe" of the British Isles shared Y chromosome characteristics that pre-dated the fifth century Saxon invasion of the islands.

This was confirmed when the geneticists compared the Irish and Welsh samples with those of Basques, an ancient people inhabiting the border regions between Spain and France. The study concluded that the Basque, Irish and Welsh make up "a Y chromosome community with members more closely related than they are to the other European populations."

But what about the women?

Women Were Mixers

In contrast to the stubborn Celtic Y chromosome, Goldstein found there is genetic similarity between the British Isles and the rest of Northern Europe in the X chromosome, or in other words — women. Women enhanced the genetic diversity of the Isles, starting approximately 8,000 years ago. Goldstein explains this may be due to the fact that men controlled the ownership of land and brought women to live with them and sometimes even traded women as commodities.

Orkney Islands were a convenient starting point, Goldstein said, since there were only two discernible genetic influences upon the population — Celtic and Viking. Tracking the genetic make-up of the rest of the British Isles — a project that is expected to be completed in the next six to eight months — will prove a far more daunting task as Roman, Norman, Saxon and Norse influences will all have to be disentangled.

Following up on the findings in Orkney, the research will continue to focus on areas that can be linked historically to specific population groups. York, or Jordvik as the city was called in Viking times, is one of the 20 locations Goldstein's team plan to visit in the coming months. The scientists hope to collect 2,000 samples to map the genetic types that make up the present-day British population.

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Announcements

- Pitt County Family Researchers annual reunion is scheduled for October 11 and 12 at the Hooker Memorial Christian Church in Greenville. Registration $15 for both days.
- The Heritage of Scotland County, NC—2003. Limited printing, advance orders only. $58.50 with postage. Deadline for entries 11/15/2002. Orders, PO Box 399, Laurinburg NC 28535 or www.countyheritagebooks.com. Call 1-828-452-7600.
- The Heritage of Old Mecklenburg County, NC—1763-2003. Limited printing, advance orders only . $58.50 with shipping. Deadline 10/15/2002. Orders, PO Box 1328, Huntersville, NC 28070-1348 or www.countyheritagebooks.com. Call 1-828-452-7600.
- 7th Annual Old Buncombe County Genealogy Fair, Oct 26, Asheville Mall, 10 AM—9 PM

(***Farrior,*** *Continued from page 84)*

Spitzer (1901-1941). Their daughter, Annie (1945-) married Thomas Addison Brock (1944-). Their son, Jason Michael Brock (1973-) submitted this information which we are pleased to include in ***Trees***.

The handsome Farrior home is sadly missed by those of us who remember the elegance of the Woodard Circle area of Wilson. There are only a few homes left in this neighborhood, and most are rapidly going derelict. Wilson is not much different from most eastern North Carolina cities of similar size. The older "downtown" area has been abandoned for newer suburban developments with shopping centers.

The Applewhite family of Stantonsburg is indeed a founding family and will be well documented in the upcoming book *Wilson County Founding Families* due to be published in 2005 on the 150th anniversary of Wilson County.

Dues Increase for 2003

By vote of the Board of Directors, dues renewal for 2003 membership for current members will be $20, payable by January 30, 2003. New members may sign up from now until December 31, 2002, for $15 which includes the rest of this year and all of next year. New memberships from this point do not get back issues for 2002, but these are available at $10 for January-June 2002. Please use the order form on page 81 for new memberships.

Members

We no longer list new members in *Trees*. Mailing and E-mail addresses seem to find their way into commercial promotional lists, and *Trees* is distributed to a number of locations from which names could be obtained.

A list of members, addresses, and surnames of interest is mailed to individual members each year

Queries

Questions about Wilson County families may be emailed to WilsonNC@Yahoogroups.com or to ancestor@wcgs.org.

Queries from WCGS members will be automatically posted. Queries from non-members may be posted on the internet discussion group at the discretion of WCGS.

To become a member of the list, visit our web site at http://www.wcgs.org

Go to the "discussion" section to view previous queries and answers or to join the group or post a query.

WCGS members have full posting privileges for the E-group.

Notice

The Wilson County Public Library is no longer open on Thursday evenings due to budget cuts from the State and the County. It is open Mon-Wed 9:00 AM 9:00 PM, Thurs-Sat. 9:00 AM-6:PM

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President's Message

I want to say a few words about the value of taking an educated guess when you are up against a brick wall. In scientific laboratories, this is called a hypothesis, but by any name, this is perhaps the most helpful tool we can use to find ways around barriers.

Let's examine an early incident of how such a guess paid off. Louis Pasteur, a French physician, was continually concerned about smallpox. A horribly debilitating disease, many people died from exposure and others were disfigured for life. Always observant, Pasteur noticed that milkmaids did not seem to get smallpox even when living in the same household as an infected person. He further noted that there is a variety of the disease which affects cattle. Pasteur hypothesized that the milkmaids had somehow been made immune to human smallpox by exposure to cattle smallpox without actually getting cattle pox.

His experimental procedure consisted of intentionally infecting several persons with pus from cattle pox sores. These people developed a mild rash and slight fever but did not get cattle pox. His bold move then was to try to infect them with human pox. It did not take, and his hypothesis was proved. Due entirely to his insight, smallpox has been eradicated as a human torment, unless some 3rd world county tries to use it as a biological weapon.

Very few genealogists can reach the heights of achievement attained by Louis Pasteur., but we can learn to form an educated guess and move on around a problem to tackle it from a new direction. Brainstorms are your best friend, no matter how far out they might seem at the moment. Be bold. Experiment, analyze and prove. You may find a solution that you never dreamed of!

Sue Powell

WCGS Program — October 22

At 7 PM on this date we will welcome back, for an unprecedented third visit, Dr. Bruce Pruitt.

Bruce has spoken to us before on the subject of abandoned land claims and more recently on land grants in Tennessee to NC troops who served in the Continental Line during the Revolution.

This time, Bruce has chosen as his topic "The Sale of Property Confiscated from Loyalists during the Revolution." There will be a brief discussion of the confiscation laws and some of the war. Most of the talk will be on where is the paperwork and what is in it. This should help people searching for loyalists (also known as tories) who lost land or other property. It may also help people searching for patriots who bought land or who owed loyalist merchants.

In other business, there will be an election of officers for 2003. As there were no further nominations from the floor at the September meeting, the vote will be to affirm the slate as presented. President, Sue Powell; Vice President, Mary Anne Sheak; Secretary, Frances Roberson; Treasurer, Henry Powell; Board Member, 3-year term, Carol Forbes.

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The Human Genome Part IV

[Editor: the first two parts of this series dealt with basic heredity. The third part dealt with identifying ethnic origin by evaluating male "y" chromosomes. This part deals with identifying maternal origins by using DNA from cellular bodies called mitochondria.]

You know that hereditary characteristics are carried from one generation to the next by genes. These are segments of DNA molecules which are twisted into chromosomes, found in the the nucleus of each cell.

There is one exception to nuclear DNA. There are tiny "bodies" in our cells that are called mitochondria. These microscopic dots are actually the powerhouses for each cell, helping to convert our food to the energy we need to live. Each mitochondrion has one small loop of DNA which has the genes to make the components of the energy transfer process.

Why should you be interested in these obscure circles of DNA? Generally, they have little to do with your bodily characteristics, but the way that you get your mitochondria is where the excitement comes from. You get all of your mitochondria from your mother regardless of your own sex. Sperm cells contain only DNA from your father with no other cell parts. The egg cell from your mother was a complete cell, with mitochondria. As the fertilized egg divided and grew into a new human (you), the mitochondria divided as well to populate each of the millions of cells that make up your body.

Think about this for a minute. If your mitochondria came from your mother then hers came from her mother, and so *ad infinitum*. It boggles the mind to think that your mitochondria are the same as those of the first woman.

Well, not exactly the same. We all

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Family Connections - Batts

Wilson Daily Times September 2002

This month's topic is the origin and history of the Batts family, one of the more abundant surnames in Wilson County. It is difficult to construct a family tree for anyone from one of our founding families without finding someone there by the name of Batts.

At the risk of sounding repetitious, again we visit the County of York in north central England where we find the Monk, Aelfricus Bata, who lived about 1051. His name derives from a combination of old English, old Norse, and old north German. In all three languages, bata meant well to do, profitable or worthy.

Over the years which followed, the name changed to Bat, Batt or Batte. Some think the name came from the Celtic word for a cudgel, but the evidence points more directly to the origin as "bata." The surname is found in many locations throughout England, which suggests multiple origins; however Yorkshire remains of interest to us as that is where our local Batts family originated. Aelfricus may have had children (all monks were not celibate) for there was a clearly established line in the vicinity of the town of Birstall, 8 miles from Leeds in West Yorkshire where, in 1565, Henry Batt bought a sixty year lease on Oakwell Manor.

Oakwell is known to have been a medieval moated manor which probably dates back to Celtic times as both oaks and wells were holy sites in that culture. The original buildings were pulled down by Henry's son John who constructed the present Oakwell Hall in 1585. John's son, Robert had 8 children. As the local wool industry went into a sharp decline, so did the family fortunes. Three of the sons emigrated to Virginia and eventually brought over most of the rest of the family. When the lease on Oakwell ended, there was no effort made to renew it, and the property passed into other hands. Oakwell eventually became a girls boarding school and is now a county park with guided tours offered on Sunday afternoons.

Oakwell Hall was immortalized forever by Charlotte Bronte in her novel "Shirley" in which she names it "Fieldhead." Her lyrical prose tells of a lovely old stone building mellowed by the centuries.

While the Batts (as the family became known by the mid 1600s) brothers in Virginia were found initially along the James River, they soon spread into other parts of the colony. William Batts (1691-1742) remained in Surrey County, Virginia. His son, William, Jr. (1717-1759) migrated to Edgecombe County where he lived north of Tarboro.

Another of William's sons, John (1717-1785), married and may have settled in Southampton County, just to the west of Isle of Wight County. John's son, William (1741-1806) married Chastity Barnes and moved to Brunswick County, Virginia, where he conducted business as a saddle maker. In 1783, William and Chastity moved to Edgecombe County and settled on Upper Town Creek.

It has been said that William and Chastity brought Brunswick Stew to Wilson County. This popular dish has been around for a very long time, being the modern version of the daily colonial meal. A pot of stew was always simmering over the fire with whatever meat and vegetables were available. It was reheated from day to day with new items

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added so that the pot was never empty. Cornmeal was often added for bulk and vinegar for seasoning, both still important parts of a good Brunswick Stew.

William and Chastity's children are the ancestors of the major portion of the Batts individuals now living in Wilson County. These include: Frederick (1769-1818) who moved to Tennessee with his wife Kate, known there as the "Bell Witch." We will report further on that story in a later column. Other children were William Jr., Jeremiah, Phereby, Bailey, John and Benjamin.

Bailey Batts (1780-1855) married Esther Jordan and lived in Rosebud, near the present Firestone Plant. They had 12 children. Their daughter, Cynthia, married William Gardner. These were the great-grandparents of the late actress, Ava Gardner.

More details on the Batts family may be obtained from the Wilson Heritage book, available at the Public Library. Hugh Johnston wrote a three-volume history of the family which has never been published. Volume I (England and Virginia) is available in the Genealogy Room at the Public Library; Volumes II and III (Virginia and North Carolina) will be available there within about a year. One is a copy of the typist's proof with corrections as made by Mr. Johnston, and the other is Mr. Johnston's original.

Henry & Sue Powell

Jeremiah Batts Home

Photo taken ca. 1963 as printed in ***Wilson County's Architectural Heritage*** © by Kate Ohno 1981, with accompanying text reprinted, in part, below.

Built by slave labor in 1856, the Jeremiah Batts house is a rare survival of the more modest type of farm dwelling commonly built in Wilson County before the Civil War ... The most notable feature of the house is the massive double-shouldered chimney on the eastern elevation ... The exterior of the house was remodeled in 1920. The simple story-and-a-half house has a hall and parlour plan, an enclosed stair and the original mantels and panelled wainscot.

[Editor: this dwelling is now a tumbled-down ruin located on the N. side of Van Slyke Road, between London Church Road and Upchurch Road, near the railway track. Jeremiah Batts was born 1814, died 1886, and was married to Harriet Louisa Joyner in 1839].

(**Human Genome**, *Continued from page 94*)
know about mutations. My own children knew the word early on and learned to call each other a mutant. A mutation is simply a change in a gene, caused by some environmental or biological process. Radiation is a leading cause of mutations as shown by the increase in cancer rates since WWII and atomic bombs. Some chemicals, such as benzene, can cause mutations as well. Fortunately, your body has the ability to repair some genetic damage, but some changes are passed on to offspring.

The rate of genetic change is a surprisingly stable number. Natural radioactivity has always been around, and mitochondrial DNA changes faster than nuclear DNA (there is more of it to change). Therefore scientists can work backwards to compare the mitochondrial DNA from various ethnic groups to find the degree of kinship.

After comparing mDNA (mitochondrial DNA) from various world populations, it appears that the oldest mDNA is between 140,000 and 280,000 years old. Thus the first woman, mother to mankind, ***Homo sapiens*** #1 can be located, based on these studies, as having lived in Africa. This study is amazingly consistent with the work of several anthropologists who reached that same conclusion from their field studies of ancient human fossil remains.

Following the same analysis of mDNA, the Asian human population has been there between 53,000—105,000 years. The Australian aborigines date from 43,000 to 85,000 years ago, while the European population dates from 23,000 to 45,000 years ago.

Within these wide varieties of human populations, scientists have identified 133 different types of mDNA. Detailed comparisons suggest that these different types probably derived from as few as 5 to 7 individuals. Studies cannot tell us the dates of migrations, but it may be inferred from the data that there were several migrations from Africa, some of which replaced earlier populations. An example would be the Neanderthal man of early Europe that died out some 20,000 years ago. That population was replaced by a later migration which scientists call Cro Magnon man, the ancestor of our present Caucasian population. It has been possible to retrieve some mDNA from Neanderthal fossils which indicates that line was not connected to modern man except through a common origin. No evidence has ever been found of any possibly interbreeding. While you might think ill of an obnoxious person, it probably would not be correct to label him or her as a Neanderthal.

Abstract: Mitochondrial DNA from 147 people, drawn from five geographic populations have been analyzed by restriction mapping. All these mitochondrial DNAs stem from one woman who is postulated to have lived about 200,000 years ago, probably in Africa. All the populations examined except the African population have multiple origins, implying that each area was colonized repeatedly.

Mitochondrial DNA and Human Evolution ***Nature, 325 (1987), 31-6.*** Rebecca L. Cann, Mark Stoneking & Allan C. Wilson. Department of Biochemistry, University of California, Berkeley, California

Series written by Henry Powell

FINCH FAMILIES

Excerpts from *Genealogy of Finch Families Who Are Same Clan* by J. D. Finch, Zebulon, N. C., 1948
Contributed by Brenda Thorne, Abstracted by Sue E. Powell

CLAYBURN FINCH

Clayburn Finch married Sarah Hunt and moved to Nash County, North Carolina, settling and farming about two miles northwest of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church. Clayburn may have been the son of Freeman Finch.

Children of Clayburn and Sarah Finch

Irvin Finch [see later]
Hudson Finch [see later]
Polly Finch Morgan
Patsy Finch Glover
Nannie Finch Perry
Nicy Finch Ricks
Mourning Finch Strickland
Fannie Finch Johnson
William C. Finch (named as heir of Freeman Finch)

The division of the lands of Clayburn Finch:

Lot No. 1, containing 149 acres and drawn by James Morgan, was valued at one hundred eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents. He pays to Lot No. 2 one dollar and ninety-four and one third cents, and to Lot No. 3 fourteen dollars and eighty-six cents.

Lot No. 2, 135 acres drawn by William C. Finch, heir of Freeman Finch, valued at one hundred sixty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, is to receive from Lot No. 1 one dollar and ninety-four and one third cents. [In 1851, William C. Finch, of Twiggs County, Ga., sold his share of land to Hudson Finch.]

Lot No. 3 containing 150 acres drawn by Jacob Strickland, and valued at one hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents and receives from Lot No. 1 fourteen dollars and eighty-six and one third cents and from Lot No. 6 forty-six dollars and thirty-three cents.

Lot No. 4, 180 acres drawn by Bennie Glover, valued at ninety dollars and to receive from Lot No. 6 five dollars ninety-seven and two thirds cents and from Lot No. 7 forty-three dollars and eighty and two thirds cents and from Lot No. 8 thirty-seven dollars and ninety-four cents.

Lot No. 5, 180 acres drawn by Fannie Johnson, valued at one hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents. Receives from Lot No. 8 fifty-five dollars and sixty-four and two thirds cents and from Lot No. 9 two dollars and fifty-five cents.

Lot No. 6, 160 acres drawn by Nannie Perry, valued at two hundred twenty dollars and pays to Lot No. 5 forty-three dollars and thirty-three cents and to Lot No. 4 five dollars and ninety-seven and two thirds cents.

Lot No. 7, 143 acres drawn by Marmeduke Ricks, and valued at two hundred fourteen dollars and fifty cents and pays to Lot No. 4 forty-three dollars and eighty and two thirds cents.

Lot No. 8, 147 acres drawn by Irvin Finch, valued at two hundred fifty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents, and pays to Lot No. 4 thirty dollars and ninety-one cents and to Lot No. 5 fifty-five dollars and sixty-two and two thirds cents.

Lot No. 9, 231 acres drawn by Hudson Finch, valued at one hundred seventy-five and twenty-five cents and pays to Lot No. 5 two dollars and fifty-five cents.

IRVIN FINCH

Irvin Finch was born November 24, 1795, and died July 25, 1880. He married first Susan Morgan, who died March 24, 1857, and second Ferbie Strickland, who died November 16, 1860. Irvin and Susan settled and farmed about one mile southwest of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church in Nash County, N. C.

Children of Irvin and Susan Finch

Calvin Finch
William M. Finch
Allethia Finch
Peyton M. Finch
C. John Finch
Elizabeth M. Finch

Children of Irvin and Ferbie Finch

Ferbie L. Finch

HUDSON FINCH

Hudson Finch was born June 24, 1800, and died July 30, 1854. He married Mary Lindsey on July 25, 1823. Mary was born August 24, 1805, and died July 30, 1880. Hudson and Mary lived and farmed in Nash County, N. C. about two miles west of Mount Pleasant Church, which they attended.

The author of the book was their grandson and recorded these memories of his grandmother.

"She was a very religious woman. In her last days she had to carry her cane at about a 45-degree angle in walking, but that did not keep her from her church (Mount Pleasant Church), which was a good two miles away. She was usually in her pew. In these days people had to live very close, and I, a little boy, went with her to church many times, and carried her shoes for her, as that was her custom, to go until she got near the church, and then stop by the side of the road, brush off the dust and put on her shoes. When we came on back and were out of sight, she would pull off her shoes and I would take them back for her. I lived but a few hundred yards from grandmother and went often to see her. At that time most people had two buildings a good distance from each other. One was called the kitchen and the other a great bed house. She spent the most of her time in the kitchen, which was a good size log building, all in one room with a fireplace about half across the end of the building. The chimneys at that time were built mostly of wooden sticks and mud. There were not so many matches in that day, and she rarely ever let the fire go out in the fireplace. If it did go out she used to have a butcher knife and round flint rock with which to start another fire. It may be why all those things remain so vividly with me, because grandmother nearly always had some sweet potatoes in the ashes roasted, and they were so good."

Children of Hudson and Mary Finch

Joaklin L. Finch
Deliah F. Finch
Jane Finch
Caswell F. Finch
William J. W. Finch
Bramel B. Finch
Edward B. Finch

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Rufus B. H. Finch
Francis I. Finch
Dock H. Finch

CASWELL F. FINCH

Caswell F. Finch was born March 21, 1834, and died November 10, 1901. He married Jane Thompson who was born December 23, 1841, and died May 3, 1908. After marrying, they settled five miles northwest of Wilson, N. C., where he farmed and established Finch's Mill. He was an "extra good miller, as he was given a premium for having the best kept mill in the State of North Carolina."

Children of Caswell F. and Jane Finch

Dock Frank Finch
John W. Finch
Mary Jane Finch
Bessie J. Finch

Finch's Mill, Rt. 264 W. Photo taken 1967.

A WATER BATTLE

The Wilson Advance, May 10, 1894

Contributed by Deborah Coggins Gammon

As business was quite dull on Tarboro street on Friday last, some of the merchants decided that it would be a good time to sprinkle a little water on the dusty street. The hose was forthwith brought out and attached to the hydrant. It did not take long to find that it was decidedly monotonous to throw water on the thirsty soil, so the man at the nozzle began to look around for something that would resist the application of the liquid. A subject was soon selected, and the fun began. From a slight sprinkle it went on until both participants were good and wet. Then, as it often occurs, the humor of the joke was lost, and some one got mad and wanted to fight.

Sequel—Appearance before his honor the mayor, and a small contribution to the public coffers.

Finch Family Census Abstracts of Persons Named in the Finch Bible Record

1850 Nash County Census

Household #43 Calvin R. Finch, age 32, merchant
- Primma J. Finch, age 31
- George J. W., age 7
- Martha A., age 6
- John R. J., age 3
- Joseph R. W., age 9/12

Household #103 William M. Finch, age 30
- Guilly Finch, age 32
- John A., age 6
- Susan E., age 3
- Alsey T., age 7/12

Household #168 Irvin Finch, age 53
- Susan Finch, age 54
- Lethe C, age 29, F

Household # 169 Peyton M. Finch, age 28
- Emalitha Finch, age 22
- Missouri E., age 1

Household #175 John Finch, age 27
- Nicey Finch, age 35
- Midian M., age 6/12

[According to Nash County marriage records, Calvin R. Finch married Primmy Cooper May 13, 1841; William M. Finch married Guilly High February 13, 1841; Irvin Finch married February Strickland, on May 26, 1858; and John Finch married Nicey Glover February 3, 1841.]

Sources: *Nash County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1850*, abstracted by Flora Brantley
Nash County, North Carolina Marriage Records 1783-1868, compiled by Frances T. Ingmire

1870 Nash County Census

Springfield Township

Household # 125 C. Strickland, age 55
- Gillie Strickland, age 54 [Was she the widow of William M. Finch?]
- Richardson Finch, age 17
- Cornelia Finch, age 11
- Feribe Finch, age 9

Household #288 Peyton Finch, age 48
- Neverson, age 18
- Morgan, age 14
- Carisen, age 11
- Annie L., age 7
- John, age 5
- Geniva, age 2

Household #332 Nicy Finch, age 44
- Susan, age 19
- Dortch, age 17
- Caroline, age 12
- Ruth, age 10
- Salana, age 8
- Susan, age 6
- Deller, age 8/12

Source: *Nash County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1870*. Abstracted by Joan L. Howell, edited by Reese Ferrell and Joan L. Howell.

Finch Bible Record

North Carolina Archives

John C. Finch was bornd on the 5th day of April. A. D. 1823
Nicy A Finch was Bornd on the 15th day of October A. D. 1825
Midda ann Melitha Finch was Bornd on the 12th day of November A. D. 1849
Sarough Applewhite Finch was Bornd on the 12th day of May A. D. 1851
William D. Finch was Born on the 12th day of July A. D. 1853
Calvin R. Finch was Born on the 30 day of March in the year of our Lord 1818
William M. Finch was Born on the 9 day of may in the year of our Lord 1819
Lethy C. Finch was Born on the 3 day of September in the year of our Lord 1820
Payton M. Finch was Born on the 7 of october in the year of our Lord 1821
Clabun J. Finch was Born on the 5 day of April in the year of our Lord 1823
Elizabeth M. Finch was Born on the 18 of January in the year of our Lord 1825 and died the 3 of December 1825
Susan Amy Finch Was Born on the 29 day of April in the year of our Lord A D 1855
Suwsan Amy Finch Died the 23 day of July in the year of our lord A D 1856
Martha Careoline Finch was Born on the 17th of July in the year of A. D. 1858
Margret.. Rutha Finch was Born on the 13 day of December in the year of our Lord A.D 1860
Sillina G/Y.? Finch was Born on the 5th day of Febuary in the year A. d. 1862
Susan J. Finch was Born on the 24th day of May in the year A. d. 1864
C. A. Finch was Born Dec. 24 A. D. 1855
C. A. Finch died Aug the 26th A. D. 1915
Sausan Finch Wife of Irvin Finch Died the 24 day of March In the year of our lord A D 1857
Feeraby Finch wife of Irvin Finch Died the 21 day of November in the year of our lord A. D. 1860
Feraby L. Finch daughter of Irvin Finch was Born the 20 day of October in the year of our lord A. D. 1860
Maggie Finch was born the 27th of June A. D. 1881.
Lula Finch was born the 1st day of May A. D. 1886
Wade? Hampton Finch was born the 25th? Day of April A. D. 1891
Newms Carl Finch was born the 15th day of September A. D. 1895.
Frank Nasman? Finch was born the 15th day of September? A. D. 1902
Wade Harrell Jr. Finch was born the 6th day of July in the year of our Lord 1916
Mrs Nicy A Finch Died the first day of February A D 1902
Calvin R Finch Died the third day of January A D 1902
Middann Melitha Finch Died the twenty first day of February A. D. 1903.
_____ Finch died October 5, A. D. 1909.
Irvin Finch was born on the 24th of November the year of our Lord 1795
Sarough Finch died the 22 of August 1846
Clabun Finch died the 5 of November 1857/47?
[There may have been one more entry which was complete illegible.]
[Editor's note: *Genealogy of Finch Families Who Are Same Clan* by J. D. Finch contains information which supplements this Bible information and in some cases disagrees.
John C. Finch is listed as Clayburn John.
Ticy A. Finch was born on October 5, 1825.
William M. Fincy was born on May 19, 1819.
Lethy C. Finch was Allethia Finch.
Payton M. Finch's name is spelled as Peyton.
Clabun J. Finch is listed as C. John.
Elizabeth M. Finch died December 30, 1825.
Sausan Finch, wife of Irvin Finch, was Susan Morgan. They lived near Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church in Nash County.
Feeraby Finch, wife of Irvin Finch died November 16, 1860. Her maiden name was Ferbie Strickland.
Feraby L. Finch, daughter of Irvin Finch is listed as Ferbie L.
In the 1870 Nash County census, Sillina Finch's name is spelled Salana.]
(The Finch book will be available in the library at a later date.)

PAGE FROM JEREMIAH BATTS ACCOUNT BOOK

(see description of his house on p. 96)

History of Wilson County and Its Families

1865	8 Bushels oats as .75 per Bu. 6.00
1867	109 lbs. Meet $16.86 – 2 Bus meal 3.00 – 2 qts. Brandy 2.50
	65 lbs. Bacon 11.30 – 8 pounds salt .30 – 1 quarter mutton .84 – 10 lbs. Flour .70 – box snuff .15 – 20 pounds beef 2.00
1867	1 Trunk 3.75 – 10 yards of cloth 3.00 – 1 bucket .35
1880	100 lbs. Flour 5.00 – 5 gals. mallosis 2.50 – one hundred lbs. meet 10.80
	2 stands corn 2.66 – 100 lbs. beef 5.00 – 4 plugs tobacco .25
1881	2 pair shoes and 2 pair socks 4.50
1882	1 pig 2.30 – making one coffin 8.00 for Amos Pender
	1 pair shoes 1.50 – 1 dollar worth of whiskey 1.00 – 2 qts. vinegar .25
	1 pote 1.50
1883	2 gals. mallosis .50 – 10 yds cloth .80
	1 buggy 12.09 – 1 Briddle 2.00 – 1 pair hinges .25 – 1 Bus potatoes .25
	12½ yds Calico 1.20 – 8½ lbs. chese 1.70
1884	185 pounds of pork 18.55 – Paid doctor for medson 1.30
	2 balls thread .10 – 1 bunch of fish .20 – 7 lbs. beef .64
	1 sute of close 9.00 – 2 qts. vinegar .20 – 2 stands corn 3.33

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BUNYAN STOTT

***The Wilson Daily Times,* January 2, 1916**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

A NOTABLE FAMILY RECORD

Editor Daily Times,
Wilson, N. C.

I wish to write a piece for your paper in regard to a notable family record. The heroine of this article is Mrs. Bunyan Stott. About sixty-two years ago Gray Woodard and his young wife picked out a nice oak ridge for a home. They both went to work clearing a small patch of land and built a little farm house. My grandfather used his pocket knife to cut out the tops of the little oaks in the grove. Now those oaks are giant trees. My grandfather and mother spent about ten happy years in their little home. The family was blessed with five children, three boys and two girls. Grandpa volunteered and joined Co. A 55 Reg. N. C. about 1862, leaving a young wife and five small children. He was killed July 1st at Gettysburg, Pa.

Grandma was facing a serious task. 'Tis true she owned her own home, but how was she, a woman, going to till the land and make a livelihood for herself and children. The necessities of life at that time were high. Father says he knows when flour was five hundred dollars per barrel, clothing, shoes and other articles in proportion. The land had not been cultivated, fences and buildings decaying and no one to rebuild them. If it had not been for an old negro, Landon Woodard, she would have had a much harder time. Old man Landon rented some of the land and took uncle Jim and my father and worked them on his crops and cultivated a few acres for grandma. With this help and what she could do herself grandma finally succeeded in keeping the wolf away.

The remarkable part of this story is, for the past sixty-two years grandma has been living on this same oak ridge, raised a family of eleven children and not a death in the family. The youngest, Miss Mattie Stott, now about 35 years old.

About forty-six years ago grandma married Bunyan Stott and their union was blessed with six children. I belong to a big family. I am sure Mrs. Stott has at least 45 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and may have a few great-great grand children. There has been only one death in the home of my grandmother. Some 10 or 12 years ago a Mrs. Moon was visiting one Sunday evening and died suddenly.

Father has spoken about it several times, about how healthy his brothers and sisters and himself were when children. Sometimes they would have colds and a few chills, but grandma soon had them going again by using home remedies from roots, herbs and barks. The above subject makes me thankful for the blessings we are all enjoying today.

We talk about hard times, but we, the younger generation, know nothing about hard times. I used to enjoy listening to grandma tell of her trials. I always admired her for the pluck she possessed, the will power that she put forward and won a notable fight. What a beautiful picture is the life of this grand old lady, nearing eighty years, possessing a keen mind. She can recall the past and gain the audience of any one almost as well as a person half her age. A life well spent. When God calls her home she will gain the reward she has so richly won.

She shall pass away but yet will live through the line of descendants left behind. Her history will live for years to come.

Written by a grandson,

SANFORD E. WOODARD

[Editor: Mrs. Bunyan Stott was born in 1837 as Mary Barnes, daughter of James Stephen Barnes and Obedience Johnson. Her first husband, Gray Wilson Woodard, b. 1827, was the oldest child of James Bullock Woodard (1793-1863) and his second wife, Sarah Howell Peele (1800-1837). Mary Barnes Woodard married Bunyan Stott, son of Alsa and Polly Stott, on April 28, 1870, at the Court House in Wilson. Gray and Mary Barnes Woodard's children were James Stephen Bullock , Mary Elizabeth, John Bunyan, David Wilson, and Sarah Obedience. Bunyan and Mary Barnes Stott's children were Nannie Cornelia, Charles, Edwin, Mattie, Pattie, and Wesley. The writer of this tribute, Sanford E. Woodard (1881-1949), was the son of David Wilson Woodard and his first wife, Zilphia Edwards.]

Dwelling that may have been the home of Mary Barnes Woodard Stott on Tartts Mill Road. Some oak trees are still there, a local hybrid variety of white oak or post oak.

LIST OF JURORS.

WILSON ADVANCE, May 24, 1894

Contributed by Deborah Coggins Gammon

The following is a list of the jurors drawn for the June term of the Superior court to be held at Wilson, opening on Monday June 4th, 1894:

C M Rowland	Wilson,	Mark Peele,	Old Fields (cont.)
W C Gorham,	"	Joseph Thompsom,	"
W J Davis,	"	W B Williams,	"
Jack Ethridge,	"	C Lucas	"
W H Tyson,	"	A R High,	"
J L Weaver	"	N A Bunn,	"
J J Batts,	"	Jas C Barnes,	Spring Hill,
John H Thomas,	"	Jno Q Davis,	"
H B Batts,	Toisnot,	Stephen Boswell,	Cross Roads,
W H Winstead,	"		
W B Weaver,	"	J T Smith,	"
J C Cobb,	"	T. R. Atkinson,	"
W H Pridgen,	"	R J Barnes,	"
H D Barnes,	"	Martin Raper	"
D W Farmer,	"	Jas W Gardner,	Saratoga,
T R Simpson,	"	N G Moore,	"
Isaac Williams,	Old Fields,	W J Pittman,	Stantonsburg,
Robt Nichols,	"	Larry Bass,	"
T W Eatman,	"		

AN EARLY OLDFIELD TOWNSHIP PETITION

From the Hugh B. Johnston files

Source: Legislative Papers, Box L. P. 311 (Reports)

The following petition to the General Assembly of North Carolina was dated September 21, 1818, and requested a separate election to be held in Nash County at their Muster Ground at Irwin Eatman's Old Field in Captain Jethro Harrison's District. (This was apparently what is now Old Field Township in Wilson County, which was cut from Nash County in 1855.)

To the Honourable General assembly of the State of North Carolina, Gentlemen. We the Petitioners of the County of Nash and District of Capt. Jethro Harrison, Pray your Honourable Body to pass a Law, Granting us a Separate Election at our Muster Ground (viz) at Irwen Eatman's Old Field. For the purpose of Electing members to the General Assembly, Representatives to Congress, and Electors to Vote for President and Vice President of the United States, & c.

Our object in this our petition is to have an Election in Each Captain district in s^{d}. County on the same day. For the convenience of the Inhabitants, Particular the old Respectable citizens who are now infer & c knowing that your Honourable Body will meet in the City of Raleigh on the 3rd Monday in Novr. next.

For the purpose of Enacting and Emendation of the Laws of this State, and granting redress of grievances & c We pray your Honourable Body to take our case under your wise consideration and Grant us our request in the premises, and we as in duty Bound will ever pray & c 27th Septr. 1818.

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Jno Bonds	William Colson	Josiah Horn	George Green
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Eli Mercer	Elisha Tisdal	Henry Lewis	Owen Sillevent
W. Bunn, Jr.	Irvin Boykin	John Winburn	Stephen Weaver
Bartley Deans, J. P.	Isaak Cowan	Jonas Wells	Josiah Davis, Senior
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GRANT TO ROBERT RILEY

Wayne County, North Carolina, Abstracts of Deed Book 3, 1785-1787

Abstracted by Tania S. Ham

GEORGE the second, by the Grace of God, of great BRITAIN, FRANCE and IRELAND, King, Defender of the faith &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING

Know ye, That We, for and in consideration of the rents and duties hereby reserved have given and granted, and by these presents, for us, Our Heirs and Successors, do give and grant unto Robert Riley, a tract of land containing 300 acres, lying and being in the County of Johnston in our Province of North Carolina. On the south side of Neuse River, on the east side of Sleepy Creek. Beginning at a red oak on the river bank running thence So 160 pole to a pine thence West 300 pole to a red oak, thence No 160 pole to a red oak from thence along the meanders of the River to the first station as by the Plat hereunto annexed doth appear together with all Woods, Waters, Mines, Minerals, Hereditaments, and Appurtances to the said lands belonging or appurtaining (one half of all Gold and Silver Mines excepted). To hold to him the said Robert Riley his Heirs and assigns forever, as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent, in free and common soccage, by fealty only; Yielding and Paying, unto us Our Heirs and Successors forever the yearly rent of Four shillings Proclamation Money, for every hundred acres hereby granted to be paid unto us Our heirs and successors, on the second day of February in each year, at such places in our said province, as our Governor for the time being, with the advice and consent of our Council, shall think fit to direct and appoint, provided always, that in case the said Robert Riley his heirs and assigns shall not within the space of three years from the date hereof. Seal the same according to his rights. – and likewise clear and cultivate, according to the proportion of Three – acres for every hundred, and also That if a Minute or Docket of these our Letters Patent shall not be entered in the Office of our Auditor General for the time being, in our said province within six months from the date hereof that then and in either of the said cases These our Letters patent shall be void, and of none effect. In Testimony whereof we have caused the Great Seal of our said province to be hereunto affixed. Witness our Trusty and well beloved Gabriel Johnston Esq. Our Captain General and Governor in Chief, at New Bern this 20th day of April in the twenty first year of our Reign, Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and forty eight.

[Editor: while this grant appears to have been made after the end of the American Revolution, it was actually filed in 1748. The recording of the deed in 1785-1788 was a matter of making the grant a matter of record.]

JEREMIAH BATTS OBITUARY
ZION'S LANDMARK, June 15, 1927

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

JERRY BATTS

Jerry Batts, son of William and Mary Batts, was born in Elm City (then known as Joyners Depot) on March 28th, 1844, died July 17, 1926.

He was a Confederate veteran, belonged to Co. A. 5th N. C. Regiment. Was married to Winifred Peele July 29th, 1864, and the following children remain, together with his wife. Three sons, J. H. and Walter T. Batts of Wilson and Jerry T. Batts of Portsmouth; and one daughter, Mrs. J. O. Hearne of Wilson, besides 17 grand children. Joined the Primitive Baptist church at Williams in Edgecombe county on Tuesday, September 11, 1873 and was baptized same day by Elder P. D. Gold. Dismissed by letter to join Hopeland church in Whitakers, November 1881 and remained a faithful member there until May, 1892 when a letter of dismission was granted him to join Wilson church. Was a kind husband and father, a faithful soldier and loved the church which he attended regularly and when able to do so. Bore his afflictions with patience and was resigned to go at God's bidding, looking forward to death as an entrance into the joys of his Lord.

Done by order of conference on Saturday before 4th Sunday.

T. T. Thorne, Clerk
J. C. Moore, Mod.

[Editor's notes: *Marriages of Early Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Records, 1733-1868*, compiled by Ruth Smith Williams and Margarette Glenn Griffin, records the marriage bond of Jeremiah Batts and Winniford Long issued on 28 July 1864, married on 07/31/1864, by L. C. Pender, J. P., Turner Peel, and witness T. W. Hussey. The marriage of Winifrord Peel to Wilson Long on 12/25/1862, was performed by William H. Knight, J. P., Harry Long, and witness T. W. Hussey.

Bible Records of Early Edgecombe, compiled by Ruth Smith Williams and Margarette Glenn Griffin, contains the "Jeremiah Batts Family Record," contributed by Hugh B. Johnston. Jeremiah Batts, son of William B. Batts and wife Mary Winstead, was born on March 28, 1844, and died on July 17, 1926. On July 31, 1864, he married Mrs. Winnifred Peele Long, daughter of John Peele and wife Mary Johnson of Edgecombe County. She was born on December 19, 1847, and died on September 16, 1928.

Children

1. Mary Jane Batts was born on July 20, 1865, and died on September 25, 1872.
2. Fannie Anne Batts was born on September 21, 1866, and died on June 15, 1885. She married A. L. Parrish.
3. John William Batts was born on October 3, 1869, and died on September 25, 1872.
4. Joseph Henry Batts was born on September 21, 1871, and died on October 4, 1941. He married Annie Whitehead.
5. Walter Thaddeus Batts was born on March 26, 1874.
6. Jerry Thomas Batts was born on August 14, 1876.
7. Mattie Florence Batts was born on September 27, 1880. She married J. O. Hearne of Wilson, N. C.

Wilson County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1860, abstracted by Joan L. Howell, lists the family of W. B. Batts, age 42 railroad overseer, living in Joyners and Gardners District. In the household were Mary, age 49; John, age 18; Jeremiah, age 16; Adrian, age 13; Margaret, age 11; and Nancy, age 7.

Tombstone and Census Records of Early Edgecombe compiled by Ruth Smith Williams and Margarette Glenn Griffin, lists Winafred Peel, b. 1846, in the 1850 census in the household of John, b. 1813, and Mary A. J. Peel, b. 1818. Also in the household were Louisa, b. 1836; William Ann, b. 1839; Josiah, b. 1841; Turner, b. 1844; and L., one month.

Wilson Long, b. 1836, is listed in the household of John, b. 1800, and Penelope, b. 1805, Long. Also in the household were Sally A., b. 1829, and Joseph, b. 1832.

Mary Batts Will

Abstracts of Wills, Wilson North Carolina, 1855-1899, J. Robert Boykin III, 1992

June 11, 1883. Ct. Oct. 10, 1888. Bk. 2, p 480. Husband: W. B. BATTS, loan all personal & real estate, which may be disposed of to support husband in his old age. At husband's death bequeath to two sons: JEREMIAH BATTS & A. R. BATTS, the lot which the work shop stands to commence on Main St. at DIXON's line thence w/Main St. to corner of wall of house lot thence S5°1/4 W to the line of the lot sold to GEORGE GREEN thence w/his line to DIXON's line thence to 1st station. Dau: MARGARET BATTS, the house lot to commence at corner of shop lot on Main St. thence w/said street 30 yds. thence S5° 1/4 W to the line of lot to be here in after cut off from House tract & sold by Exr. thence w/line of said lot & lot sold to GREEN to corner of shop lot. Also give 1 feather bed & furn., 6 chairs, 1 big chest, sewing machine. At my husband's death I give to my dau: MARTHA CONYERS, the vacant lot on the E side of house lot to be sold by Exr. & to include all lands on E side of the house lot. Exr. to sell the lot to be cut off on back side to rejoin lot sold to GREEN & run 1/2 A deep perpendicular from back line thence w/said line to beginning to pay funeral bill & medical bills to Dr. WRIGHT BARNES & Dr. BUCK MERCER. Surplus to be divided equally with 4 above named children. Exr: Son, A. R. BATTS. Wit: JAS. W. TAYLOR, W. H. PRIDGEN.

[Editor: Mary Batts was the mother of Jeremiah Batts of the obituary printed on this page. She may have been the daughter of Jeremiah Winstead who settled in the Town Creek area in the 1700s. Her children included John Batts, b. 1842, Adrian Batts, b. 1846, Margaret Batts b. 1849, and Martha Batts b. 1853.]

Farrior Corrections from September *Trees.*

From Jason Michael Brock

Margaret Ann Blades was Jason's great aunt. Frank Spitzer married sisters. Margaret was his first wife. Her sister, Annie Estelle Blades, was his second wife and Jason's grandmother. Frank Spitzer's death date is 1991.

A thank you again to Jason for sharing this family history with his fellow members. We are pleased to note that he has made another possible family connection from this article.

MISSING BERTIE COUNTY COURT RECORDS FOUND

Carolina Comments, Volume 50, Number 5, September 2002

Contributed by Deborah Webb

Thanks to State Archives and Records Administrator Catherine Morris, Assistant State Archivist Jesse R. Lankford, and a public-spirited resident of Florida, the State Archives is now in possession of eighteenth-century records of Bertie County that previously had been missing. Although the State Archives holds in its custody the minutes of the Bertie County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the years 1724 to 1868, the court minutes for 1730 had long been missing. The availability of online digitized images and accompanying transcriptions of selected pages from the 1730 Bertie County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions caught the attention both of genealogists and members of the Archives staff. Carmen Greer of Sarasota, Florida, placed those images on the USGen Web Project pages for public reference. Shortly after Archives personnel thoroughly scrutinized the Internet images of the colonial court minutes and compared them with other Bertie County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions minutes, State Archivist Catherine Morris contacted Ms. Greer, requesting her cooperation in the return of the 1730 minutes in compliance with North Carolina's Public Records Act (G.S. 132). Through a series of e-mail exchanges and telephone conversations, it was learned that Ms. Greer had possession not only of the 1730 Bertie court minutes but also of additional minutes for 1731, 1749, and 1750, as well as a 1761 Bertie tax list.

The carefully packaged court minutes and tax list arrived at the State Archives from Sarasota on July 11. They have since been inventoried and accessioned and are receiving professional conservation treatment. When that work is completed, the records will be microfilmed and made available for public use. The court minutes and tax list (totaling more than forty pages) represent an invaluable addition to the State Archives' holdings of colonial records. They provide important evidential, historical, and genealogical information about eighteenth-century Bertie County and life in colonial North Carolina.

North Carolina is fortunate to have an effective public records law applicable to cases of replevin. General Statute 132-5 requires that a person or entity holding records that have been alienated from state or local government custody return them to official custody of the State Archives or the local government from which they originated. Fortunately, in many potential replevin actions, citizens possessing such documents realize that the records need to be restored to proper custody. The State Archives and the residents of Bertie County are grateful to Ms. Greer for her cooperation in returning these records to North Carolina. Although they had been in the possession of and well cared for by her family for several generations, Ms. Greer does not know how or when the Bertie records were obtained. As soon as she realized that they were officially regarded as out-of-custody public records as defined by G.S. 132, she facilitated their safe return to North Carolina.

AMOS JOHNSTON LETTERS

From the Hugh Johnston files

Town Creek 1st March 1796

Dear Sir

I have Examined the Saddle Boses sent by Mr Cokeley and am Surprised to find Mr Cokeley so Much Mistaken in the quality of the Boses--- Supposing him to have Certainly Known puter from Silver as he told me he thought them Verry Nice Silver Washd. and they prove to be only lind with Puter, but was much more Surprised to find that Instead of 576 Setts which I think should be in Sixteen Groce their is only 96 Setts which is 480 Setts Short of the Boses which if I am not Verry much Mistaken you said his Bill mentioned and which if the Cost is 32£ (which I think was the sum you told me) would have been about what the 16 Groce of that quality Shoud have Cost. I shall send them back to you and hope you will acquaint Mr Cokeley of it as the Boses will by no means sute me and if they Suted me they are not worth more than 6-0-0 paper money as I have better than them which I would sell by the Single Sett @ 2/ so I hope you will take Care of the Boses & if you have Chargd me with them give me credit for the Amt when you receive them: The amt of the Keg of powder which Mr Schemerhorn omited sending me is Chargd in his Bill of 26th July 1794 at 3-12-0 New York Currency which with the 5 pct Commissions on it makes 3.15.7 Equal to 4.13.2 ¾ of our money which I hope you will Credit me for.

I am Sir yours &c
AMOS JOHNSTON

Addressed: John G. Blount Esqr.
Merct
Washington _____

Town Creek 11th March 1796

Dear Sir

I send 60 barrels of pork to be Shiped to the address of Mr Warren Ashley by first opportunity, also a letter to Mr Ashley which I hope you will forward with the pork and Navil Stores Sent you before if they are not already sent. Please Send me one tearce of Rum one barrel of Sugar and one Hogshead of Molasses if to be had, at aney Rate the Molasses & Sugar at all most aney price in Reason and I will pay Cash or aney produce that I Can Command when wanted. Please let me know if the Stores Sent before is all Shipt. And the price of tar Pitch & pork in Washington at present. I wrote you 1st instant Respecting the Saddle Bosses from Mr Coakley. I now Send them back and hope you will Receive them and advise him of the transaction. I have Sent you what Corn I promised you including the meal but have to asshore you it is much a gainst the interest of my Naighbours who are in greate want of it.

I am Very Respectfully yrs &c
AMOS JOHNSTON

NB Please Send the letter for Mr Ashley when you send the pork.

Addressed: John G. Blount Esqr.
Washington _____

WCGS board meeting, September 5, 2002

Old business discussion was begun with the need for a meeting place during the library construction. The board decided to accept Jerry Stancil's kind offer of a room at the Durwood Stancil Heating and Air Conditioning building at 3425 on Ward Blvd.

A conference with John Newton, a land records expert, suggested that names of creeks and streams are not fixed as each land owner may have changed the names, and so it was agreed that a disclaimer would be used on the waterways map. There is a need to continue the collection of data for the Founding Families book, but a deadline of December 31, 2003, was set as there has to be adequate time to organize it for printing.

An agenda for some of the programs during the coming year was adopted beginning with Patrick Valentine's presentation of his new book at the September meeting and Dick Rountrees's suggestions on copying pictures, Bruce Pruitt will speak in October, November is scheduled for reports, installation of officers show and tell and refreshments. January will be on the special schedules of the federal census and given by Laura Alley. The possibility of having work sessions for the Founding Families in February and April were discussed, and the other months are undecided at this point.

Sue announced a work shop sponsored by the Lenoir county group, and it was also decided to invite them to one of our meetings. A motion was made to thank Harris Teeter for the Tobs tickets given to us earlier this year. We have been invited to a meeting with the Edgecombe County Society at the Register of Deeds on September 19th from 7-9 pm. John Newton of Tarboro is to be the speaker.

Henry announced that the format for the discussion group has been changed. Non-members can read but cannot post, only the moderators can change or delete information.

Nominations for the coming year were reviewed. Mary Ann, because of Sue's absence, will preside at the October Meeting.

Frances Roberson, Secretary

Queries

Questions about Wilson County families may be emailed to WilsonNC@Yahoogroups.com or to ancestor@wcgs.org.

Queries from WCGS members will be automatically posted. Queries from non-members may be posted on the internet discussion group at the discretion of WCGS.

To become a member of the list, visit our web site at http://www.wcgs.org

Go to the "discussion" section to view previous queries and answers or to join the group or post a query.

- WCGS members have full posting privileges for the E-group

News from the Wilson County Public Library

Provided by Deborah Webb, Reference Librarian

The upcoming renovation of the Library is consuming a good deal of our time and thought right now. Here is a list of new items that we have received in the past month.

Early Virginia Families Along the James River: their deep roots and tangled branches. Compiled by Louise Pledge Heath Foley

Thomas Norfleet of 1666: some of his descendents and allied families. Compiled by Dorothy Neblett Perkins (contains some Edgecombe Norfleets)

The Varnell Family of Eastern North Carolina. Compiled by Charlotte Varnell Beck

Free Persons of Color: Hyde and Beaufort Counties. William L. Byrd III and John H. Smith

Minutes, September 24

The WCGS held its first meeting of the fall in the library on September 24, 2002, with Sue Powell presiding. A hearty welcome was given to the members and to H.H. Walston, our visitor of the evening.

The treasurer's report showed $2242.00 at our June meeting and & $1891.00 at the present time. We have received $132.00 in interest, $525.00 from Mrs. Hugh Johnson and $230.00 in dues. Sales amounted to $552.00. Our expenses were $1700.00 with most of it being for ink jet cartridges and the printing of the newsletters.

A handout of the proposed changes in the bylaws was passed out and after explanations and discussion, the by laws were amended accordingly.

Dick Roundtree gave the nominations report. A motion was made and seconded for the following to be voted on at the October meeting.:

President—Sue Powell
Vice President—Mary Anne Sheak
Secretary—Frances Roberson
Treasurer—Henry Powell
Member of the Board—Carol Forbes

Sue announced numerous meetings in the surrounding areas that should be of interest to all of the members. Our October meeting at the library will be fortunate enough to have Dr. Bruce Pruitt who will speak on the Sale of Property Confiscated from Loyalists during the Revolution.

Dick Roundtree reported on the project in which the Pitt County Researchers copy old photographs to CDs.

Dr, Patrick M. Valentine, director of WCPL and author of the new book, *The Rise of a Southern Town, Wilson, North Carolina, 1849-1920,* gave a most interesting program. He spent five years researching, documenting and writing this book.

The meeting was adjourned, and we talked with Dr. Valentine and enjoyed discussing his book as he remained and was available for sales and autographs.

Frances Roberson
Secretary

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___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume II $30.00
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___ Confederate Field Map #4. $5.00
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___ Town of Wilson, Map 1882. $5.00

Roy Taylor Books (discontinued)

Miscellaneous

___ Cemetery Finder (paper) donation $5.00 shipping included
___ Wilson Co. Estates Inventory (paper) $5.00 shipping include
___ 2002 WCGS Calendar $11 + .65 NC tax shipping included. Family heritage of Western Wilson Co.

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President's Message

Hello,

You will be pleased to get your complimentary 2003 calendar along with this issue of ***Trees***. You will also get an invoice for renewal for your dues for 2003. As announced earlier, the dues have now been set at $20 for the year. This includes ten issues of ***Trees*** and the annual calendar, as well as full access to the WilsonNC internet discussion group.

We apologize for the confusion caused by the recent flyer encouraging new members to join WCGS. That flyer offered our usual fall special for membership from September of this year through December of next year for the regular price of $15. This special is in effect through December 31 for **NEW** members only. The renewal charge for current members is $20 which applies for the period of January through December of 2003. We appreciate the enthusiasm of those wanting to renew early but point out that the charge is $20 for renewal. This increase was established by membership vote last summer when it became obvious that rising postal and printing costs were pinching our purse.

We are pleased with the 2003 Calendar. It features Garners township and was compiled by Henry Powell with help from Monk Moore and Tommy Stott along with information from many sources. They report that it is rewarding to locate old family sites but frustrating to discover how many have disappeared in recent years.

The 2004 calendar will focus on the Stantonsburg area. Suggestions, photographs and ideas are gladly accepted at any time prior to publication in October 2003.

I want to wish everyone the happiest of holiday seasons. Don't forget that a subscription to *Trees* is a wonderful gift for any Wilsonian, former or present.

Sue E. Powell, President

WCGS Program — November 26,2002

Our November meeting is the annual meeting of the Society. Officers for 2003 will be installed and annual reports will be given regarding the status of WCGS for 2002.

Another annual tradition is the reception for officers. As there is no change in the slate between years, it won't be necessary to say goodbye and hello. But take this opportunity to chat in an informal session to pass along ideas of what you think the Society needs to do to improve performance. Refreshments will be served and Grace Turner has promised to bring along some of her always-good specialties if she can find time from her grandchild-tending to prepare them. Little Will is approaching three so may now be helping grandmother with the preparations!

We have not had a "show and tell" session for quite a while so use this opportunity to bring along some family treasure to share with the group. The last session, in June 2002, produced the leather strap used to enforce discipline with one member who still remembered that impression many years later. There will be a small award for the best presentation.

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The Human Genome Part V

The Alphabet of Genetics

In the previous four parts of this series you have learned (we hope) about how the human genome has developed and how it can be used to trace ethnic origins. Through all of this, we have avoided the basics of genetics—the mechanism of inheritance.

It all goes back to the DNA molecule. A molecule is simply a collection of atoms of some combination of the 100 or so different elements that make up the universe. More simply, it is a structure made mostly of atoms of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen. You recognize hydrogen and oxygen as being the components of plain old everyday water, H_2O, which has two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen. You can't see a water molecule as it is way too small for the human eye to discern., but you can see a lot of them all together such as a glass of water or a lake or the ocean. It is a basic wonder of science that these tiny atoms combine to make molecules, each one having its own particular characteristics which depend on its atomic makeup. H_2O is water, H_2O_2 is hydrogen peroxide, each very different yet varying by only one single atom of oxygen. Or replace the oxygen with a chlorine atom to make HCl. That is hydrochloric acid, an extremely caustic liquid.

In the same manner, DNA is a molecule with many more atoms, dozens of them. I'll spare you the details (you can find them in any encyclopedia), but it is useful to know that the molecule has several parts. There are two long sides, like the uprights of a ladder, and many links which connect the sides. The whole molecule is twisted into a spiral something like a spiral staircase. The long sides aren't really very important (they are sugar molecules) but the links

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Family Connections - The Bell Witch Story

Wilson Daily Times October 2002

We continue this month with a legend related to our local Batts Family. Most families have their own stories of events and people which live on through the years. However, few have a story which has endured like the Bell Witch legend. This tale has now become part of southern folklore, and it is rooted right here in Wilson County.

Last month, we left our readers with details of the Batts family of the Town Creek area. William and Chastity were the immigrants who came here from Brunswick County, Virginia, with their children, Frederick, William, Jr., Jeremiah, Phereby, Bailey, John and Benjamin.

Frederick (1769-ca 1820) married Kate (1774-ca 1820, surname unknown) in 1794 near Town Creek where he owned over 400 acres of land. Frederick, Jeremiah and Benjamin went to Tennessee in 1796 to look at land and bought 640 acres in Sumner County. The brothers came home and began arrangements to move their families and belongings, which they did in October 1804, supposedly in a train of 12 wagons. They were accompanied by several other families, among them John Bell, Malachai Sorey, Simon Williford, Frederick Robbins, William Robbins, Sr., Samuel Briley and David Lancaster. They all settled along a road between Port Royal and Brown's Ford near the Red River.

The remaining Batts brothers, William, Bailey and John, were left behind to carry on the family name in Wilson County. Alert readers will remember from the previous Batts column that there was an earlier William who settled north of Tarboro in Edgecombe County. We have not traced that line.

By 1811, Frederick Batts had become afflicted with an ailment which prevented him from running his farm. He deeded his 210 acres of land to his children Rebecca, Polly, John, Sally, Rhoda and Nancy, and gave Kate power to conduct his affairs. While legend tells us that she was gentle and kind hearted, the stress of other duties gave her a reputation of being irritable and testy.

We'll leave Kate with her tribulations for the moment to visit the nearby farm of John Bell.

Bell (1754-ca 1820) had been a prominent land owner in Edgecombe County. In 1782, he married Lucy Williams, daughter of John and Mourning Williams of Lower Edgecombe County (now Wilson County). Her sister, Elizabeth (1774-1859), married Jeremiah Batts (1773-1854), brother to Frederick and Benjamin.

John and Lucy Bell had children, Jesse, John, Jr., Drewry, Benjamin, Zadoc, Richard, William, Joel, Egbert, Betsy, and Esther. It is thought that he led the wagon train to Tennessee, a task suitable to his meticulous attention to detail and righteousness. He was a founding member of Town Creek Primitive Baptist Church and transferred his membership to Red River Baptist Church in Roberson County, Tennessee.

John Bell owned many slaves on his Edgecombe County plantation and hired an overseer to help him manage the large operation. The overseer, a northerner, found little Betsy much to his liking and made indiscrete advances toward her. Bell's righteous ire rose to the surface, and he shot the overseer, killing him. History does not tell us of any civil or criminal penalties for this action, but Bell got his punishment otherwise. Bell's fortunes went rapidly downhill along with his reputation, and he seemed eager to escape to Tennessee for a fresh start,

Bell could not escape the memory of the murder which came back to haunt him in Tennessee in the form of a "spirit" which first appeared at the Bell farm about 1817. This malevolent presence, never seen by anyone but often heard screeching in a loud voice, tormented Bell in

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his every waking hour. It tore food from his mouth, stuck him with needles and pulled the covers from his bed at night. Betsy received similar treatment. According to legend, it was possible to communicate with the "spirit" which often claimed to be different persons.

Two of the Bell sons had fought with General Andrew Jackson in the war of 1812 at New Orleans. Jackson heard about the Witch and came to offer his help. He left after 24 hours, claiming that he would rather fight the British than the Bell Witch.

Fred Batts died sometime before 1820, and Kate was quick to offer the farm for sale. John Bell made her an offer which she accepted and later regretted. She swore that he had cheated her badly and that she would "hant John Bell and all his kith and kin to their graves." History would have served her more kindly without those words, for they caused the "spirit" to be transferred in neighbors' minds to Kate herself. John Bell died around 1820; some say he was "done in by the witch." Kate died soon thereafter and the Witch disappeared, promising to return in 7 years. Those who claim to have been there at the time of the return, in 1828, said that the witch was mostly harmless and didn't stay around long.

Today there is a large cult following for the Bell Witch legend. Much of what is told is pure nonsense; however, most witch stories are, by their very nature, beyond reason. The Internet has thousands of sites devoted to sightings and explanations of the Bell Witch phenomenon, but, of the ones reviewed, none seem to come close to the story as reported by Hugh Johnston in 1950 and summarized in this column. The story which Hugh told has many elements that can be believed. The murder of the overseer is a purely local twist to the story, unknown to the Tennessee folks but is likely the cause of the mental breakdown, nightmares and hallucinations in the four years prior to John Bell's death. Poor old Kate Batts should be left to rest in peace, free of any blame for witchcraft as she had nothing to do with the entire story except for getting mad with John Bell for cheating her. These folks were descendants of the Virginia puritans, a breed noted for using gossip as a cruel means of social control and to bolster their own righteousness. The gossip seems to have gotten far beyond the intended purpose in this case and left an innocent, overstressed woman with an unsavory place in history.

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Based on information from
Hugh Johnston's "Looking Back"
Column in the Wilson Daily Times
July 1950
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Wilson County Public Library

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are where the action is. Each link has two smaller molecules which may be a specific combination of four available sub-molecules. The four choices are labeled A, C, G, and T (they have real names which you may find in reference books).

The secret to heredity is how the smaller molecules combine to make the cross links. A will only combine with T, and C will only combine with G. A typical crossbar on the genetic ladder could be AT or CG or TA or GC. That's it. There are no other choices. The entire human genome is based on this simple fact.

Three crossbars make one piece of a gene. This piece is called a codon. A codon can be AT-TA-CG or AT-CG-TA, etc. It wouldn't take you long to see that there are a lot of possible combinations for a codon. Genes are not all the same length. Some have only a few codons while others have thousands of codons. Each gene is a blueprint for making a protein molecule. The resulting protein molecules are the building blocks of our bodies (or trees or whatever). Some proteins are structural—muscle fibers, for example, while others are functional—enzymes that make things happen in your body.

What happens if one codon is changed in one gene? That is called a mutation, and the resulting protein will be different. It probably won't be better. Most mutations are harmful and are caused by things like radiation, chemicals or some environmental poison that fouls up the genetic code.

We can compare genes between family members to determine relationships. It isn't easy or cheap but will become more common in years to come. We don't actually try to list all the codons in one gene but usually take a segment of the gene and list the codons from one side of the ladder. For example, the gene for short fingers might be CGT AGA TAC GCA for the first four codons. You could check the amniotic fluid of a unborn infant to screen for this combination to see if the child will have short fingers. Again, it isn't cheap and it isn't easy but it can be done. I can forsee a day when two suspected relatives will each contribute cheek cells to have their genomes compared for codon matches. Cheek cells are easy to get just by scraping a tongue depressor across the inside of your cheek. These cells are constantly being replaced so are easy to "harvest."

There are services now available that will analyze your cheek cells to evaluate your ethnic origins. One of our members recently sent the results of his analysis (done at Oxford University in England). It clearly showed his origins to be Anglo-Saxon as the codons tested for were typical of individuals with north German ancestry. This confirmed his research on his own family tree which shows the origin of the family in eastern central England, the heartland of the Anglo-Saxon population. The codons sampled were from a small region of the "Y" chromosome with no known genetic purpose.

This will be the end of this series for now. There could be more as new research is released on the fascinating topic of the human genome.

Series written by Henry Powell

1800 EDGECOMBE COUNTY PETITION ON ELECTION PROBLEMS

From the files of Hugh B. Johnston

Legislative Papers, 1800 (L. P. 179) (1800 No notation of action taken)

"To the Honorable the General Assembly of North Carolina

The petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Western part of Edgecombe County respectfully sheweth-

That upwards of Three hundred free men Inhabitants of the western part of Edgecombe County, and among them your Petitioner, live between Twelve & Thirty miles from the Court House of said County, and are required to attend General Muster & permitted to vote at Elections at that place only, which they cannot but consider an unnecessary hardship, as the difficulty of getting there when called for such purpose, the Elections happening always in the Month of August when the weather is intensely hot & their Horses are poor, and General Muster generally happening when the Days are short and sickness is most prevalent, is always great and sometimes insuperable---Wherefore your Petitioner, having given legal notice of their Intention to present this Petition to the present General Assembly respectfully beseech your honorable Body to afford them a more convenient opportunity of exercising their Right of Suffrage, and of performing such Military duties as may be required of them at Genral Muster, by granting them a separate Election to be held at the dwelling House of Joseph Pendar, Esquire, on the Tuesday preceding the Thursday & Friday appointed by Law for holding the annual Election----and a separate General Muster, at the same place, for the Companies of Militia at present commanded by Captains Eason, Todd, Robbins, Ruffin, Woods & Routh—Which are sufficiently numerous to form one complete Battalion—and as such an arrangement can produce no manner of Injury to the militia service nor the smallest inconvenience to either of the other Companies of the Regiment, of which there are Eleven containing men enough for two other Battalions, we further respectfully beseech your honorable Body to divide the Militia of Edgecombe County into three Battalions in such a manner that the Companies above mentioned shall compose one—and to appoint one Major—and your Petitioners as in duty Bound will ever Pray---------"

I

Sammuel Bryley
Larrense Weaver
Joel Cobb
Jeremiah Winstead
John Weever
Samuel Wever
Francis Winstead
Wm. Robbins
Henry Lancaster
Littlebery Land
Andrew Sory
Jediah Hollemon
Wm. Taylor
Joshua Taylor
Peter Gray
Frederick Robbins
Benj. Wever
Henry Shurly
Edward Tisdale
Jesse Barnes
Isaac Farmer
Henry Doudna
Ephraim Daniell
Demse Barnes
Archelaus Barnes
Bartholomew Carmedy
Josiah Daniel
Elisha Odam
John Sketo
James Barnes
Nathan Johnston
Benj. Farmer
Jacob Horn
John Horn
Daniel Wood
Jonathan Thomas
Wm. Dew
Wm. Draughon
Joseph Winstead
Wm. White
Ichabod Thomas

III

Wm. White
R. (?) White
John Barnes
John Morriss
John White
Willie Grimes
John White, Sr.
Wm. Hickman
Noah (?) Blackman
Wm. Dond Whitehead
Wm. Moriss
Wm. Mimford
Wm. White, Sr.
Stephen Mitchel
John Cammil
Moses Rountree
Thos. Robbins
Asa Farmer
Noah Hickman
Thos. Dixon
Snodon Hicman
Charles Hedgpeth
Dawson Vasser
James T. Ennis
Wm. Gardner
Arthur Dew
John Robbins
Jacob Robbins, Jr.
Wm. Hines
Thos. Shepard
Zach. Hart
James Gay
Wm. Dancy, Jr.
Alex Cotton
Wells Robbins
Jesse Pitman
Creighton Eidson
Jere. Winstead
Peter Vanlandingham
Elias Davenport
Jesse Green
George Sebery
Coffield Dixon
Wilson Wever
Wm. Robbins
Kynchen Robbins
Edward Cobb
Drewey Williams
Benj. Williams
John Robartson
Jesse Hedgpeth
John Hedgpeth
Isaac Sanders
Luke Sanders
John Morriss
Wm. Collins
Hardy Lasater
Uriah Smith
John Dew
Wm. Dew
Corn. Jordan
John Barnes
Stephen Locus
James Whitehead
Henry Jordan
Wm. Horn
Lancelot Vivrett
Wm. Rogers
Wm. Sims
Stephen Barefoot
Asa Daniel
Enos Tart
Roland Robbins
Fred Philips
Joshua Jordan
Thos. Morris
Resse Gray
Benj. Williford
Robert Lancaster
Hardy Flowers
James Barron
Heartwell Lancaster
Thos. Dixon
Jacob Willeford
Jonas Cobb
Jonathan Weaver
Benj. Thornhill
Elisha Robbins
Samuel Hitson
John Beeland
Thos. Willeford
John Williford
Elijah Williams
David Moseley

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Rich. Harrison
Robert Coleman
Enos Farmer
Charles Coleman
Nathan Mayo
John W. Mayo
Joshua Spain
Henry Lyon
George Brownrigg
Philip Causey
James Bracewell
Thos. Drawhon
Willie Stanton
John Brantley
Benj. Thomas
Garry Fort
Aziel Barnes

V

Capt. Abner Eason
Garriot Knight
Levi Rogers
Stephen Rogers
Josiah Rogers
Jesse Rogers
Coburn Eason
Josiah Barnes
Solomon Barnes
Benj. Johnson
Benj. Amason
Stephen Bullock
Josiah Stallins
Matthew Wills
David Jones
Lenord Wills
Lamuel Daniel
Eli Amason
Noah Barnes
Jorden Bruce
Gillead Thigpen
Wm. Galloway
John Bolton
Willis Johnson
Gray Ellis
Sherod Gay
Jordan Thigpen
Manoah Amason
Wm. Prescott
John Peelle
Louis Booth
Edwin Dancy
Jethro Barnes
Benj. Pippen
George Bryant
Job Braddy
Henry B. Davis
John Bonner
Capt Peter Hines, Jr
Capt. Sammuel Ruffin
Capt. Wm. Routh
Sgt. Richard Lyon
Solomon Ward
Capt. James Bracewell
Micajah T. Cotton
Joseph Ruffin
Hampton H. Williams
John Wilson
Isaac Amason

[Editor: the original text from which this petition was taken divided the names by sections I, III and V. There was no indication of what happened to section II and IV, or if these ever existed.]

J. D. Batts Grocery

***The Wilson Times,* February 17, 1917**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

J. D. BATTS

Fresh Meat—Groceries

Of those who are catering in a most acceptable way in Elm City to supplying the larder and the table in the various food commodities we mention the popular market and grocery of J. D. Batts, a live-wire as one fulfilling its mission well. And to the liking of a good and growing patronage. This firm carry a full line of family and table groceries, provisions, canned goods, eggs, poultry and country produce and fish and oysters. While their fresh meat market is perhaps a leading feature of the business. He buys on the hoof the best that can be had from local farmers. Cattle, hogs and mutton which he dresses at his own slaughterhouse. And should one want a toothsome roast, round porterhouse, chuck or tenderloin steak, chops or a juicy pork roast, they are ready here to furnish you "on the spot, at live and let live prices." Choice fresh and smoked meats and the by-products over clean counters. The market is petitioned off from the grocery and well screened with a good refrigerator to keep all meats wholesome and palatable and handled in the most sanitary manner. Mr. Batts is himself in charge with experienced assistants which insures prompt and correct service and courteous treatment to all alike.

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BRASWELL DAWS AND CO.

***The Wilson Times,* February 17, 1917**

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BRASWELL DAVIS [sic.] and CO.
General Merchants

As a collective and distributing point for an important radius of territory adjacent to Elm City the volume of business yearly done in supplies and from a mercantile point of view is large and for many year the firm of Braswell, Daws and Co., has taken an active hand, they being a chief source of supply for the cotton and tobacco growers throughout this section. Since the firm has been solidly and actively identified with the town all these years as a general merchants and dealers in supplies for the farm and as leading cotton buyers upon the shelves and floors of this commodious store and warehouse is carried one of Elm City's largest and most varied stock of goods and general merchandise, one that is adequate in every way to meet the needs of the most exacting trade. The Cardinal lines may be classified into the departments of Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Men's, Women's and youth's furnishing Goods, clothing, Queensware, Hardware, flour, feed, grain, hay and groceries, and the sundry items coming under this heading. While in the warehouses is handled field seeds, wire fencing, roofing, farming implements and fertilizers. Having the sole agency for such high grade brands as V. C. and Prolific Cotton Growers. In addition to local trade both a cash and time business is done with the planters, which reaches out many miles distant. Braswell and Daws and Co, with W. C. Patterson in charge have a large acquaintanceship and are regarded among Elm City's most substantial citizens.

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ANDREW JACKSON AND ELIZABETH FARMER MOORE

From the Farmer file of Hugh B. Johnston

Elizabeth E. "Bettie" Farmer, daughter of Larry Dew Farmer and wife Sarah Dew, was born in Edgecombe (now Wilson) County, North Carolina, on January 14, 1840, and died on January 5, 1918. On January __, 1864, she married Elder Andrew Jackson Moore, son of Elder Ichabod Moore and wife Elizabeth Jones. He was born on January 18, 1837, in Pitt County, and died on October 24, 1925, at Whitakers. They first lived at the old Jonathan Thomas Homeplace (still standing in 1837, and erected in 1802) in Gardner's Township where the Federal Census of September 5, 1870, No. 104, 109, listed them with four children. Their first family reunion was held in the grove adjoining Whitakers Primitive Baptist Church.

Elder Moore was reared on his father's plantation and received his education in the private schools of Wilson and of Oxford. He then enrolled in the University of North Carolina, where he became a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. In an address made many years later, Judge R. A. Nunn made these remarks about him in an address delivered at New Bern: "Andrew Jackson Moore, when in the University of our State, was one of the Freshman Declaimers at its commencement in 1859. This commencement was conspicuous on account of the presence of James Buchanan, President of The United States … . When it was resolved to confer degrees on the surviving members of the classes of 1862 and 1864, whose education had been interrupted by service in the armed forces of the Confederate States, the Reverend Andrew Jackson Moore received an A.B. degree diploma at the commencement of 1911. Captain Moore, better known as the Reverend Mr. Moore, was an accomplished scholar and a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Elder Moore had expected to graduate with the Class of 1862, but he left U.N.C. in 1861 to volunteer in the Orange Light Infantry Company, 1st North Carolina (Bethel) Regiment. This organization was soon disbanded, and he returned home for a brief stay. On April 4, 1862, he enlisted at Raleigh for three years or the period of the war and received the commission of Captain. His height was given as five feet and eight inches. He proceeded to organize a volunteer Company from the Counties of Pitt, Wilson, and Greene. They called themselves the "Trio Guards" and marched to Camp Mangum, where they were mustered into the service of the State of North Carolina on May 23, 1862. This (Company F) and nine other independent Companies were in August given letters from A to K and embodied into the Sixty-First Regiment of North Carolina Infantry (N. C. State Troops), under Colonel James D. Radcliffe. This Regiment was mustered into the Confederate Service at Wilmington on September 5, 1862, and was assigned to Clingman's Brigade, Hoke's Division, The Army of Northern Virginia.

Captain Moore and Company F were still at Wilmington on January 29, 1863, but were at Charleston from March 9-13 and at James Island on April 1st, but they were back at Wilmington by July 4. On August 25, 1863, he was wounded severely in the elbow of his right arm at a charge upon Battery Wagner on Morris Island, as a result of which he remained in the hospital at Charleston as late as October 4. Morris Island was evacuated on September 6, and Company F was at Sullivan's Island under the command of Lt. W. A. Darden on October 1.

By October 31, 1863, Captain Moore had been sent home on a furlough, and December 31 and then February 28 found him receiving further medical aid in the Confederate Military Hospital at Wilson. His arm healed finally but remained permanently bent. On April 26, 1864, he retired to the Invalid Corps, Provisional Army of the Confederate States, being succeeded by Captain W. A. Darden. On May 6, Captain Moore was assigned by special orders as Commandant of Construction for the State of North Carolina, and on June 13 he was Acting Local Engineer Officer for Edgecombe County and was stationed at Tarboro under the command of Adjutant and Inspector-General Samuel S. Cooper. On October 19 he asked to be re-examined for renewed active service but was rejected and served in the capacity of an Enrolling Officer until the end of the Civil War.

After settling in 1865 on part of the old Thomas-Farmer plantation three and one-half miles E. of Wilson, he is known to have taught school at Wilson 1870-1876. On October 10, 1870, he joined the Tosneot Primitive Baptist Church in Wilson and was baptized by Elder R. D. Hart. This Church liberated him to preach on November 9, 1872, and he was ordained to the ministry by Elders Pleasant Daniel Gold and Bennett Phillips Pitt in December of 1873. In 1875 he represented Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association at the session of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association held at Williams's Meeting House in Edgecombe County. At that time he was probably pastoring the Contentnea and Black Creek Churches in Wilson County, and in 1873 he had founded Moore's Primitive Baptist Church four miles east of his home and facing the site now occupied by Gardner's Elementary School.

In 1876 Elder Moore moved to Whitakers and opened the Whitakers Academy which he operated successfully for the next twenty-five years, while his wife offered piano instruction at their home. On January 4, 1879, he was called to the pastorate of the historic Kehukee Primitive Baptist Church at Scotland Neck, which he served for over forty years as he did the Hopeland or "Whitakers" Primitive Baptist Church which he and elder Pleasant Daniel Gold had constituted on April 4, 1879. Its first members had been received by letter from Williams's Meeting House and held their first meetings in the Academy Building. Elder Moore became their pastor officially in May and brought them into the Kehukee Association at its October Meeting. A "new and commodious" house of worship was erected near the Academy in 1881, and the name of Hopeland Primitive Baptist Church then came into being.

Andrew Jackson Moore also served the Rocky Swamp Primitive Baptist Church in Halifax County for about fifteen years prior to his retirement by reason of old age and disability. The brilliant scholar and Elder, Sylvester Hassell, wrote in 1907 that Elder Moore "has built up more Churches and, I Believe, baptized more white members than any other Primi-

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tive Baptist preacher that I know of; is honored and admired by all who know him; has suffered great reproach and persecution on account of his indomitable stand for truth and righteousness; … has received very little financial help from his churches; has no confidence whatever in modern religious inventions; never sent any of his children to a Sunday School; has never held a protracted meeting, nor had an organ in one of his churches; depends upon the pure, sweet, old-fashioned gospel of Christ alone to attract the subjects of grace; … he is an eminently self-sacrificing and gracious and gifted and successful minister of Jesus Christ."

Children of Andrew and Elizabeth (Farmer) Moore:

1. Cornelia Moore was born in 1865 and married Jarrett White of Whitakers, North Carolina.
2. [Elder] Julius Caesar Moore was born on December 7, 1866.
3. Edgar Allen Poe Moore was born on August 13, 1868, and died on October 1, 1869.
4. Lula Williams Moore married 1st George W. Price of Whitakers, and 2nd ___ ___ White.
5. Minnie Elizabeth Moore married Wilder Taylor of Whitakers.
6. Martha Hassell "Mat" Moore married 1st Forrest Taylor of Florence, South Carolina, and 2nd ___ ___ Stallings.
7. Larry Ichabod Moore is remembered in New Bern by his portrait hanging in the Craven County Court House.
8. Owen Jones Moore of Scotland Neck, North Carolina.
9. Andrew Jackson Moore, Jr., of Wilmington, North Carolina.
10. Ruth Moore married 1st George Harrison of Whitakers, and 2nd ___ ___ Stallings.

ELM CITY IN THE NEWS

Wilson Advance, August 15, 1895

Contributed by Deborah Coggins Gammon

Elm City Items.

The Fair View farm, one mile from town, attracts attention by its superior culture and crops.

Dr. W. P. Mercer is also doing some fine farming. His cotton and other crops are as good as you would expect anywhere.

Mr. J. L. Bailey has nearly completed a warehoose [sic.] 40x80 feet. This means business. Mr. Bailey is always wide awake in business matters.

Mrs. Pinnie Coggins, formerly a resident of this town and an estimable christian, was buried at 4 p. m. on last Friday in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

The store of Mr. W. B. Barnes was broken into on last Thursday night and goods stolen therefrom. The value of the goods or the quantity taken was not ascertained. Efforts to catch the guilty party or parties have thus far availed nothing.

These and other farms and farmers near this place simply show what this section can do in products. I would pronounce it one of the finest farming sections of the world. If the farmers would only adopt the cash instead of time payments they would all soon be happy and prosperous.

ELI GARNER'S STORE

The Wilson Times, February 16, 1917

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

ELI GARNER

Purveyor To The Larder

A visit, or one look into the well stocked and busy appearance of the family and fancy grocery store of Eli Garner's best tells the story of the scope and purpose of this another of Elm City's most popular places of business. Mr. Garner is one the very leading dealers of family and fancy groceries and other requisites to the larder, specializing on the better grades of food commodities and the choicer brands fine bottled and canned goods, teas, coffees, spices, cheess condiments and table specialties on which he has a good trade. But gives no less attention to staple, family and heavy groceries—flour, meal, lard, cured and salt meats, butter, eggs and poultry. In fact he is giving his whole time, thought and energy to supplying the larger. In a short time he will open up a new place just around the corner in a new brick store where he will have very neat, larger and more convenient quarters in which to serve his fast growing trade. In his new quarters he will add to his grocery lines that of fresh meats, with complete market facilities to handle the meat department to best advantages where the hurried housewife may order everything at one time for the table. Mr. Garner stands "A-1" with the trade and has made his popularity by clean-cut, straight, forward business effort.

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SHARP AND FARMER STORE

The Wilson Times, February 16, 1917

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

SHARP AND FARMER

Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries

Of the many and varied branches of business that go to make up the business life of a town and neighborhood like Elm City none are of more importance or contribute more directly to the best interests of the purchasing public; more than the favorably known and well appointed and well managed retail store of Sharp and Farmer. This firm is composed of W. G. Sharp and L. S. Farmer and has been conducting business for the past six years, both members of the firm however, have been associated with the mercantile and other interests there for a much longer time. The firm is conveniently quartered in the prettiest and most modern business block in town occupying one of the three apartments in the handsome new and attractive brick block just built by Messrs. L. S. Farmer and E. R. Brinkly. The store is splendidly lighted from both back and front, has prettily designed metal ceiling with appropriate and neat shelving and counters which greatly facilitates in showing goods to best advantage and making it a more desirable place at which to trade. They are showing full and clean lines of Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Clothing, Miscellaneous, Hardware, Flour, Grain, Feeds, Salt Meats, Family Groceries and Fertilizers, and are enjoying a good and fast growing business and are now better than ever in position to serve their trade. Both Mr. Farmer and Mr. Sharp operate farms.

BRITTON SIMMS WILL

Contributed by Clement C Lucas

The will of Britton Simms was written 30 September 1825 and was probated May Term of Court 1826, Wayne County, North Carolina. The will was found in the North Carolina Department of Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

In the name of God Amen, I Britton Simms of the County of Wayne and the State of North Carolina being in low state of health but in perfect disposing mind and memory and calling to mind that it is appointed for men once to die I do make and ordain this instrument of writing to be and contain my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First and principally I recommend my body to the Lord and to be buried in decent manner and my soul to the Almighty God who gave it and as touching such worldy estate that has pleased Almightly God to bless me with I give and dispose of in the manner and form following to wit:

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Chance two negroes one by the name of Harper and Lot his wife to her and to her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally Daniel three negroes by the name of Ollif, Arch, and George to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto Britton Daniel one negro girl by the name of little Haner to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson James Aycock a part of the land and plantation lie hereon I now live - beginning in the Shop Branch where a fence cross is the same that runs back of the big orchard and runs nearly South with the said fence until it intersects with another cross fence then a southerly course to the head of the Swash in the horse lot, then down the meanders of the said swash to Black Creek. All the lands that I own East of said line I give unto the said James Aycock with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to him and his heirs forever---with the exception of what I have lent to my wife in a marriage contarct and after that contract is to an end, for the said James Aycock to have the said land as stated above.

Item: I lend unto my son in law Arthur Bardin all my lands lying west of the line named for James Aycock until his son Arthur arrives to the age of twenty one years and after that period, I give the said land to him and his heirs forever. I mean my grandson Arthur Bardin.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Kiziah Bardin one negro girl by the name of Selah to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Polly Bardin one negro girl by the name of Hanah to her and to heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson James Daniel one negro boy by the name of Pompy to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson Robert Aycock one negro boy by the name of J___ to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson Jesse Aycock one negro boy by the name of Tom to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson James Bardin one negro boy by the name of Abram to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson Moses Daniel one negro girl by the name of Lany to him and his heirs forever.

Item: It is also my wish, will and desire that my Barefoot Mill shall be to use of my orchards where I now own as long as the said mill shall last. It is also my will and desire that the ballance of my property not given in legacies be sold and my just debts be paid and the ballance if any remains to be equally divided bewteen my daughters Mary Chance and Sally Daniel.

I constitute and appoint Arthur Bardin my whole and sole executors, revoking all others and form of wills heretofore named , ratifying, and confirming this to be my last will and testament.

Signes, Sealed, and Acknowledged:
Signed Britton Simms
This 30th day of September 1825
In presence of us before assigned
Jacob Evans
Elias Evans
Arthur Bardin

Wayne County May Term 1826
There was exhibited in open court the last will and testament of Britton Simms which was duly in open court by the oaths of Jacob and Elias Evans subscribing witnesses. And at the same time James S. Aycock one of the within named executors appeared and was duly qualified as executor and letts of testamentary.
P. Hooks, Clerk.

OUR COUNTY OFFICERS

The Wilson Times, November 4, 1911

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

The effort of Register of Deeds Dildy to secure the photographs of the Registers of Deeds of the county and hang them in that office, called forth the suggestion that photographs of all our county officers be secured from their descendants. Judge Mewborn very kindly furnished a list of the clerks of the court since the county was organized in 1855. We would be glad to have the others.

The clerks of the Superior court of Wilson county follow:

Thos. C. Davis was the first Clerk. Appointed Fall Term, 1855 when the county was first organized.

At Spring Term, 1856, A. J. Simms is appointed Clerk.

At Fall Term, 1857, owing to the failure of J. D. Cawthorn, Clerk elected to qualify, William S. Duggan is appointed Clerk

At Dec. Term, 1859, William S. Duggan resigns and Joseph H. Foy is appointed in his place.

At June temn [sic.], 1860, Joseph H. Foy resigns and E. Prentiss Tucke is appointed in his stead.

At Dec. term, 1861, B. F. Briggs recently elected as Clerk, qualifies and holds office until August, 1868, when A. Barnes qualifies as Clerk.

At the termination of the time of Mr. Barnes, about 1875, H. C. Moss is qualified as Clerk, and holds office until Dec. 1882, when A. B. Deans takes the office. After Mr. Deans' term of office expires, Mr. J. D. Bardin holds the office until Jan. 1, 1906. When S. G. Mewborn is is [sic.] appointed as Clerk.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that the following persons have served Wilson county as Clerks of the Superior Court:

T. C. Davis,
A A. J. Simms,
William S. Duggan,
Joseph H. Foy,
E. Prentiss Tucke,
B. F. Briggs,
A. Barnes,
H. C. Moss,
A. B. Deans,
J. D. Bardin
[S. G. Mewborn 1905-1915]
[E. J. Barnes 1915-1916]
[J. D. Bardin 1916-1930]
[M. D. Owens 1930-1942]
[Charles C. Lamm 1943-1968]
[W. A. Boone 1968-1979]
[William G. Stewart 1979-1985]

Note:--Mr. T. C. Davis has lived to see thus far every Clerk, Sheriff, Register of Deeds and Treasurer of Wilson county.

Our Registrars who have served since organization to the county and years installed in office:

Lawrence J. Sauls, 1855; Robert J. Taylor, 1856; Alfred J. Brown, 1859; P. P. Clark, 1861; G. B. Ballinger, 1865; William B. Harrell, 1865; Alfred J. Brown, 1866; F. W. Taylor, 1868; Thomas Jeff Rowe, 1870; John Y. Moore, 1880; B. J. Barnes, 1882, Dec.; S. W. Warren, 1888, Dec.; W. M. Wells, 1894, Dec.; George H. Griffin, Dec. 1896; W. B. Barnes, 1898; [Claude L. Barnes, 1902]; W. M. Wells, 1902; John R. Dildy, 1908; [R. T. Barnes, 1920; Tempie J. Batton, 1922; Sadie H. Collins, 1944; Edna B. Carson, 1962; Shirley T. Leyshon, 1967]

[Editors' Note: The Clerks of Superior Court who are entered in square brackets were listed in a letter from William G. Stewart to J. Robert Boykin dated September 18, 1984. A list from Robert Boykin supplied additional information on the Registers of Deeds for Wilson County which has been inserted.]

TOISNOT GROCERY COMPANY

The Wilson Times, February 16, 1917

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

TOISNOT GROCERY COMPANY

Wholesale Grocers

The Toisnot Grocery Company was incorporated and commenced business about fifteen years ago. Its officers are Geo. A. Barnes, president; Dr. E. G. Moore, vice-president and J. W. Cox secretary-treasurer and the active business manager.

The company does strickly a wholesale business handling a general line of Staple, Fancy and Heavy Groceries, flour, feeds, hay, grain cured and salt meats, tobacco, cigars, drugs, stock feeds and remedies with the usual incidental lines to a well stocked wholesale grocery establishment. With the exclusive control in this territory for "Stocks Best Patent" and "Sea Foam" Flours, on which they have built up a big trade because of the merits of these brands. The large sales rooms are located opposite the station and are filled to the ceiling with this cosmopolitan assortment of merchandise that is always kept up to a full standard of quantity and quality, supply the retail merchants of Elm City, the entire rural community and the towns tributary on the railroad.

Mr. Cox is assisted in the house sales by Mr. F. W. Carter who also works the out-of-town trade. The business since its incipiency has grown steadily year by year and the Toisnot Grocery Company is at the beginning of 1917 handling a most creditable volume of business, with a good class of merchants who have bought liberally from this concern for many years past. And under its present progressive and consistant management we bespeak its continued success and a larger future business.

[Editor: Dr. Edwin Gibbons Moore (1861-1931), a prominent physician in Elm City, was married to Annie Thompson (1862-1926). They are buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Elm City. In the 1900 census, they had two children at home: Johnny, b. 1885 and Lucille, b. 1888. See Lula Norris Barnes' obituary on page 115 for information on George Barnes. Frank W. Carter (1886-1964) was also buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery. James William Cox, born in Kinston (1868 -1947), married Alice Norris of Elm City in 1896 at the residence of Jesse Norris. They had a son, J. W. Cox, Jr. (b. 1897) who died in France in 1918 and was buried in Elm City in 1920.

THOMAS CROWDER DAVIS OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, May 21, 1915

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Thomas Crater Davis

Last evening at eight o'clock, in the Moore-Herring hospital, where he had been ill for two weeks, Mr. Tom Davis gently passed from among us.

Mr. Davis was prostrated two weeks ago with an attack of bronchial pneumonia. Possessing a marvelous vitality by reason of his clean life and moderate habits he was able to withstand the disease, but the struggle left him too weak to rally. For the last few days from sheer weakness he has been slowly and peacefully yielding up life.

After death, in deference to a request he had made, his body was placed within the chancel of the church he loved so well, lighted candles were set beside the casket and the doors of the church closed.

It was fitting that the mortal remains of the man, who for fifty-five years had been senior warden of St. Timothy's church, and who, in 1860, although the only communicant in the county, brought about the organization of this church and has tenderly loved and been constantly zealous for the welfare of it since that time, should lie the last night on earth within its sacred portals.

Mr. Davis, born in 1830, was the last of his own generation. Active and healthy until a few weeks of his death, he went regularly to his office and mingled with his friends. He took pride in the splendid strength of his old age and until his last illness he walked and moved almost with the vigor and elasticity of youth.

Mr. Davis was born in New Bern. He was the grandson of James Davis, who was the Colonial printer, a fellow townsman for some years and a contemporary of Benjamin Franklin. His father was Mr. James Davis. His mother was Elizabeth Mershon, daughter of Dr. Mershon, physician to the Huguenot colony which landed in Virginia in 1708.

Mr. Davis spent most of his boyhood and school days in Greenville, N. C., where his parents move[d] about the time he was seven years old.

In 1853 Mr. Davis and his brother, Mr. James Davis came to what is now Wilson, but which was then little more than a country cross-roads, and took charge of a general supply store owned by their father and located on the spot now occupied by the Blauvelt jewelry store.

Mr. Davis was identified with the politics of this county as well as with its mercantile business. When the county was formed in 1855 he was elected the first clerk of the superior court. After this he served as clerk of the Quarter Session for twelve years. After giving up this office he returned to the mercantile business, and continued in that business the greater part of his life except during a few years he acted as teller for the Branch bank.

On the 22nd day of May, 1857, Mr. Davis married Miss Virginia Stith of Sampson county, who was one of the celebrated beauties and belles of her generation. The following children were born to them:

Laurine, wife of Edwin Barnes, Thomas Atkinson Davis, Elizabeth Mershon, who married Hon. Thomas H. Battle, and Floyd Stith Davis, Thomas A. Davis is the only surviving child.

Mr. Davis was truly a product of the old South. He was an old time Southern gentleman, cultured, chivalrous, and unostentatiously aristocratic. He was a man of gentle and sympathetic disposition, affectionate and loyal in his friendships, agreeable and pleasant in his relations with men and withal possessing a dignity of thought and manner that ever commanded the respect of all who knew him.

Three years ago in writing of Mr. Davis I remarked:

"As our Mr. Davis approaches the sunset and evening star he cannot but be glad to know that his life has been honorable and clean, unselfish and noble; that his record of nearly a century is without spot or blemish; that his family has prospered and grown in numbers about him; that altho the friends of his own generation have nearly every one passed over the great Divide those of us of the new have learned to admire, respect and love him."

It is true that those of the younger generation who have had the good fortune to know Mr. Davis intimately have regarded him with the highest respect and affection. We shall miss the sight of him, the fine old white haired man with his ever ready smile and word and bow of friendly greeting.

We shall miss him sadly.

F. D. SWINDELL.

[Editor's note: T. C. Davis was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C. as was his wife, Virginia C. Stith Davis, b. 1834, d. 1899.]

LULA NORRIS BARNES OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, September 21, 1917

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mrs. George Barnes died Thursday morning at 4 o'clock following a protracted illness. She was forty-seven years of age, and before marriage was Miss Lula Norris. She was a devoted wife and mother, faithful to her home and church duties, and her passing caused deepest sorrow among her hosts of friends. The funeral was held Friday afternoon. The floral designs were the handsomest ever seen in Elm City.

Mrs. Barnes is survived by her husband, Mr. G. A. Barnes, a son Mr. J. N. Barnes; sister, Mrs. J. N. Cox, and an aged mother, Mrs. Jessie Norris. One grandson, J. N. Barnes, Jr., and several nieces and nephews.

[Editor's note: Mrs. Barnes, born 24 November 1870, died 6 September 1917, was buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Elm City. Her husband, George A. Barnes, born 5 August 1862, died 1 July 1921, is buried beside her. Their son, Jesse Norris Barnes, born November 1892, died 1937, daughter-in-law, Ida Williams Barnes, born 1893, died 1963, and grandson Jesse Norris Barnes, Jr., born 6 January 1917, died 20 November, 1978, are also buried there. *Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries-Volume II,* compiled by Joan L. Howell. George A. and Lula Norris Barnes were married 10 February 1892, at the home of her father Jesse Norris by Edwin C. Glenn, Minister of the M. E. Church S. *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* compiled by J. Robert Boykin, III. In the *Wilson County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1900,* abstracted by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe, the family unit is listed in Elm City with George having a dry goods store and having been born in 1867. Lula is listed as Mollie B.]

Minutes: October 22, 2002

Mary Anne Sheak, Vice President of WCGS presided over the October 22, 2002, meeting held the Wilson County Public Library. The meeting was called to order; guests and members were welcomed.

It was announced the January meeting will be held at Durwood Stancil Heating & Air Conditioning due to renovations on the main Library. Jerry Stancil has graciously consented for us to meet in his business meeting room.

The new WCGS calendars will be ready for sale in November, 2002. The sale price is $10.00 plus tax and shipping. This historical calendar covers the Rt. 42 east section of Wilson County (Gardner's Township).

Sue & Henry Powell and Frances Roberson will give a presentation on their recent New York Immigration Tour at the January meeting.

Laura Alley will be guest speaker for March meeting.

The slate of officers for 2003 were brought to the floor, and accepted and seconded; there was a unanimous vote from the floor. New officers will be installed at the November 26th meeting.

Dr. Bruce Pruitt was guest speaker. He gave a delightful presentation of his book, *ABSTRACTS OF SALES OF CONFISCATED LOYALISTS LAND AND PROPERTY IN NORTH CAROLINA*. The Americans who remained loyal to the King and Great Britain were Loyalist. People turned against the Loyalist, and they were driven out of some places and their homes and belongings destroyed. Their wives remained behind on the land in hopes that the Loyalists could return later and reclaim their land. If a person left, the State Committee could take the land and rent it for a year at a time, then sell it off. In May 1776 the Provincial Congress (Legislature) passed a resolve to confiscate the property of people who were convicted of taking up arms against the United States.

By 1780 many people had been arrested, but the state was in danger of invasions by the British. In Sept. 1780 an act allowed the prisoners to be tried by county magistrates. If guilty, the prisoner could be executed and his property confiscated by the sheriff. To aid prosecutions, the Governor was allowed (in 1781) to call special sessions of court and name special judges. Confiscation of property became very profitable, so it was regulated by law. The book lists counties and names of the petitions, dates, who the land was sold to, and who formerly owned the land.

There is far too much information to be included here. It is a good research tool for tracking ancestors. The book is available from Dr. Pruitt for $22.00 and worth every penny. I am enjoying my copy very much.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol M. Forbes,
Secretary *pro tem*

Board Meeting, November 12, 2002

The Board met for the 3rd quarter of the year on November 12 at the home of Sue and Henry Powell. Grace Turner and Frances Roberson were not present.

Distribution of the 2003 Calendars was discussed and a plan was set for this. Calendars will be available again at the Public Library and possibly selected retail sites in the City. Each Board Member will have have copies for sale, and ads will be placed in the Daily Times with details on the calendar.

Details of the November meeting were discussed with plans for installation of officers, a reception, and time for member sharing of family artifacts. The officers will give reports on the activities of the Society during this current year.

The Board reviewed the status of the Hugh Johnston files project and was given hope that the project will possibly be completed in 2003.

There was discussion of a request from the Johnston County Heritage Center for an exchange of information. Deborah Webb of the Wilson County Library, who presented the request, will be asked to get further details with the assurance that WCGS is willing to cooperate in any way possible.

There was discussion of programs for the first half of 2003. The schedule will be announced when details are confirmed.

There was a lengthy discussion of the budget for 2003 based on the income from increased dues and projected sales of a larger number of calendars. This will be released when details are completed.

The Board reviewed the financial statement for the year to date and noted that this has been a much slower year for publications sales than past years but a good year for membership which now stands at 210. The Board was informed of the transfer of funds from the Certificate of Deposit into the operating funds account to pay for the printing of the 2003 calendar. It is expected that sales of the calendar will enable these funds to be replaced.

Respectfully Submitted,
Henry Powell
Secretary *pro tem*

Wilson County Public Library: Renovation Progress

Deborah Webb, Reference librarian and Keeper of the Genealogy / Local History Room reports that no new books were received in the past month. She further reports that the staff has been busily engaged in preliminary plans for rearranging the library for continued operations during renovations. The County Commissioners have approved the plans and invitations to bid will go out this month. Anyone who wishes to make suggestions on the genealogy room is welcome to do so to Dwebb@wilson-co.com. WCGS has a committee which will be involved.

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Questions about Wilson County families may be emailed to WilsonNC@Yahoogroups.com or to ancestor@wcgs.org.

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To become a member of the list, visit our web site at http://www.wcgs.org

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